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In this photo provided by Red Bull, pilot Felix Baumgartner of Austria lands in the desert after his successful jump on Sunday, Oct. 14, 2012 in Roswell, N.M. Baumgartner came down safely in the eastern New Mexico desert minutes about nine minutes after jumping from his capsule 128,097 feet, or roughly 24 miles, above Earth. (AP Photo/Red Bull Stratos, Predrag Vuckovic)

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# Huge separatist party gains in Belgian elections

RAF CASERT  
Associated Press

**BRUSSELS (AP)** — The leader of a separatist party won the race to become mayor of Antwerp, Europe's sec-

ond biggest port city, and vowed Sunday to use the power base to seek wider autonomy for Belgium's wealthy Dutch-speaking region of Flanders.

Bart De Wever's NV-A party made sweeping gains throughout northern Flanders and immediately called on French-speaking Belgian Prime Minister Elio

Di Rupo to give more rights of self-rule to Flanders. De Wever said "we want to give Flemings the government they want at all levels. That is why I call on Elio Di Rupo and the Francophone politicians. Take up your responsibility" and work for more regional autonomy.

much money from Flanders. "Your taxation government without a majority in Flanders is not backed by Flemings. Let us work together on a reform that gives Flemings and francophones the government that they deserve," De Wever said in his victory speech. Di Rupo immedi-

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Leader of the NV-A party Bart De Wever, center, arrives at the NV-A election party after they won the city elections in Antwerp, Belgium, on Sunday Oct. 14, 2012. The leader of a separatist party won the race to become mayor of Antwerp, Europe's second biggest port city, and vowed Sunday to use the power base to seek wider autonomy for Belgium's wealthy Dutch-speaking region of Flanders. Bart De Wever's NV-A party made sweeping gains throughout Flanders and immediately called on French-speaking Belgian Prime Minister Elio Di Rupo to give more rights of self-rule to Flanders.

(AP Photo/Geert Vanden Wijngaert)

He says he will work for even bigger gains for separatists at the 2014 national elections.

De Wever has been at odds with Belgium's economically ailing French-speaking Wallonia for years, saying he is fighting over the fate of the 6 million Flemings in the kingdom of 11 million. With all but 2 percent of votes counted, De Wever was leading Antwerp's incumbent Socialist mayor Patrick Janssens 37.7 percent to 28.6 percent.

De Wever has made it no secret he is looking for national impact during the municipal elections. He has criticized French-speaking Socialist Di Rupo over tax policies he says tap too

ately dismissed the suggestion, saying there was no reason to change national policy. "These are municipal elections. Each is free to declare what he wants on an election night."

In municipal elections six years ago, the NV-A was a nascent party with few votes across northern Flanders, but by 2010 national elections it had become the biggest party in the region. Sunday's elections confirmed it.

"We not only do as well as our monster score of 2010," De Wever said. "We do even better, and no one could have expected this. It is incredible. It is a black-yellow Sunday," he said, referring to the colors of the



## U.S. Presidential Elections:

# Tight race, big debate ahead with 3 weeks to go

STEVEN R. HURST  
Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Barack Obama and Mitt Romney were closeted with advisers Sunday preparing for the second presidential debate, a confrontation in which the president hopes to rebound from a lackluster performance in their first face-to-face session and the Republican challenger will be looking to ride the momentum that shows him pulling even in the hard fought campaign for the White House.

The Tuesday debate falls just three weeks before the Nov. 6 election, voting that finds Americans separated by a deep partisan rift as the U.S. economy struggles to bounce back from the Great Recession and near financial collapse that was bequeathed to Obama when he took office in January 2009. Polls show the laggard economy and still-high unemployment remain the top issue in voters' minds.

Obama was huddling with advisers at a sprawling riverfront resort in Williamsburg, Virginia. Romney retreated to his Boston-area home, where the Republican nominee worked to further hone his commanding performance in the first debate nearly two weeks ago. While the debates have proved critical, they are one element in larger campaigns that involve extensive ground games in virtually every state across the nation and a television ad war that may consume \$1 billion before Election Day. Through Monday, either absentee or in-person early voting has begun in 43 states.

Obama was working on more pointed and aggressive methods to target Romney for what the president's campaign views as the former Massachusetts governor's willingness to shift his positions to make

less of Obama's adjustments: "The president can change his style. He can change his tactics. He can't change his record." Romney's advisers suggested the Republican nominee would continue

to moderate his message — in tone, if not substance — as he did in the Oct. 3 debate to help broaden his appeal to the narrow slice of undecided voters. In recent days, Romney has promised his tax plan would

not benefit the wealthy, emphasized his work with Democrats as Massachusetts governor and downplayed plans to strengthen the nation's abortion laws. He told an Iowa newspaper this week, for example, that he would not pursue abortion-related legislation if elected. That's in direct conflict with last year's pledge to the anti-abortion group, the Susan B. Anthony List, to cut federal funding from Planned Parenthood and support legislation to "protect unborn children who are capable of feeling pain from abortion." "I think Mitt Romney's performance was, indeed, magical and theatrical. Magical and theatrical largely because for 90 minutes he walked away from a campaign he had been running for more than six years previous to that," Obama senior campaign adviser Robert Gibbs said of the first debate. □



President Barack Obama arrives with pizza at an Organizing for America field office, Sunday, Oct. 14, 2012, in Williamsburg, Va.

(AP Photo/Carolyn Kaster)

them more palatable for voters.

"Governor Romney has been making pitches all of his life," Obama spokeswoman Jennifer Psaki said of the businessman-turned-Republican nominee. "He knows how to say what people want to hear whether that was during his time at Bain or during the dozens of town halls he did during the primary," she added, referring to the private equity fund Romney used to run.

Ed Gillespie, senior adviser to the Romney campaign, quipped that the former Massachusetts governor would be prepared in the upcoming debate regard-

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# Endeavour finally reaches permanent LA museum home

**ALICIA CHANG**  
**AP Science Writer**

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — It took much longer than expected, but the space shuttle Endeavour has finally reached its permanent resting place at a Los Angeles museum.

After a 12-mile (19-kilometer) journey through city streets that included thousands of adoring onlookers, flashing cameras and even the filming of a TV commercial, Endeavour arrived at the California Science Center Sunday to a greeting party of city leaders and other dignitaries that had expected it many hours earlier. The Endeavour was still slowly moving toward a hangar on the grounds of the museum mid-Sunday afternoon.

Organizers had planned a slow trip, saying the spacecraft that once orbited at more than 17,000 mph (27,000 kph) would move

at just 2 mph (3.2 kph) in its final voyage.

But that estimate turned

out to be generous, with Endeavour often creeping along at a barely detect-

able pace when it wasn't at a dead stop due to difficult-to-manuever obstacles

like trees and light posts. Saturday started off promising, with Endeavour 90 minutes ahead of schedule. But accumulated hurdles and hiccups caused it to run hours behind at day's end. Some 400 trees had been removed to avoid such situations, but officials said most of the trees that gave them trouble could not be cut down because they were old or treasured for other reasons, including some planted in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. The crowd had its problems too. Despite temperatures in the mid-70s Fahrenheit (mid-20s Celsius), several dozen people were treated for heat-related injuries after a long day in the sun, according to fire officials. But it was a happy, peaceful crowd, with firefighters having only to respond to a sheared hydrant and a small rubbish fire, and no reports of any arrests. □



Workers trim trees as the space shuttle Endeavour slowly moves along Martin Luther King Boulevard on Sunday, Oct. 14, 2012 in Los Angeles. In thousands of Earth orbits, the space shuttle Endeavour traveled 123 million miles. But the last few miles of its final journey proved hard to get through. Endeavour's 12-mile crawl across Los Angeles to the California Science Museum hit repeated delays over the weekend, leaving expectant crowds along city streets and at the destination slowly dwindling.

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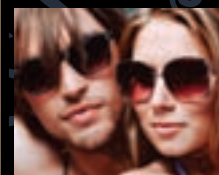
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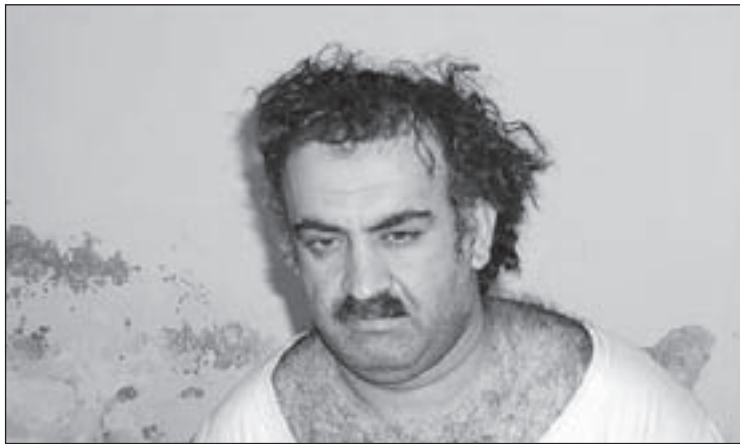


# Sept. 11 trial rules under scrutiny at Guantanamo

**BEN FOX**  
**Associated Press**  
**GUANTANAMO BAY NAVAL BASE, Cuba (AP)** — A U.S. military judge is considering broad security rules for the war crimes tribunal of five Guantanamo prisoners charged in the Sept. 11 attacks, including measures to prevent the accused from publicly revealing what happened to them in the CIA's secret network of overseas prisons. Prosecutors have asked the judge at a pretrial hearing starting Monday to approve what is known as a protective order that is intended to prevent the release of classified information during the eventual trial of Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, who has portrayed himself as the mastermind of the terror attacks, and four co-defendants. Lawyers for the defendants say the rules, as proposed, will hobble their defense. The American Civil Liberties Union, which has filed a challenge to the protective order, says the restrictions

will prevent the public from learning what happened to Mohammed and his co-

hind sound-proof glass, can be prevented from hearing — from officials, lawyers or



**Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, the alleged Sept. 11 mastermind, is seen shortly after his capture during a raid in Pakistan. A U.S. military judge is considering broad security rules for the war crimes tribunal of five Guantanamo prisoners, among them Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, charged in the Sept. 11 attacks, including measures to prevent the accused from publicly revealing what happened to them in the CIA's secret network of overseas prisons. The hearing will start today, Monday, Oct. 15, 2012.**

(AP Photo, file)

the defendants themselves — the still-classified details of the CIA's rendition and detention program.

"What we are challenging is the censorship of the defendant's testimony based on their personal knowledge of the government's torture and detention of them," said Hina Shamsi, an ACLU attorney who will be arguing against the protective order during the pretrial hearing at the U.S. base in Cuba.

The protective order, which is also being challenged by a coalition of media organizations that includes The Associated Press, is overly broad because it would "classify the defendants own knowledge, thoughts and experience," Shamsi said in an interview. □

defendants during several years of CIA confinement and interrogation. The protective order requires the court to use a 40-second delay during court proceedings so that spectators, who watch be-

## Tropical Storm Rafael tracking for Bermuda

**CHARLOTTE AMALIE, U.S. Virgin Islands (AP)** — The outer bands of Tropical Storm Rafael drenched the Caribbean's Northern Leeward Islands on Sunday as its center steadily moved over open ocean on a possible track toward Bermuda. There were no immediate reports of any significant damage or injuries in the Caribbean islands as the center of the tropical storm churned toward the north-northwest at about 10 mph (17 kph). By late Sunday afternoon, it was about 185 miles (295 kilometers) north-northeast of San Juan, Puerto Rico, and was packing winds of roughly 60 mph (95 kph). Forecasters at the U.S. National Hurricane Center in Miami said Rafael could strengthen into a hurricane by late Monday as it spins over the open Atlantic. Rafael could then approach the wealthy Brit-

ish Atlantic territory of Bermuda late Tuesday. The Bermuda Weather Service issued a tropical storm watch for the storm-hardened territory of about 70,000 people late Sunday morning. In the U.S. Virgin Islands, Elton Lewis, the territory's emergency management director, said authorities "don't anticipate any significant impact" from the passing storm. There were off-and-on showers during much of the day. Tropical storm warnings have been discontinued for Caribbean islands. But the possibility of flooding and mudslides are still a concern in some islands, particularly in mountainous terrain, since Rafael has been forecast to dump between 4 to 8 inches of rain over the Lesser Antilles, small islands that include Dominica, Martinique and St. Lucia. □

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# Specter, former senator from Pennsylvania, dies at 82

**SHERYL GAY STOLBERG**  
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**WASHINGTON** — Arlen Specter, the irascible senator from Pennsylvania who was at the center of many of the Senate's most divisive legal battles — from the Supreme Court nominations of Robert H. Bork and Clarence Thomas to the impeachment of President Bill Clinton — only to lose his seat in 2010 after quitting the Republican Party to become a Democrat, died Sunday morning at his home in Pennsylvania. The cause was complications from non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, said his son Shanin.

He was 82.

Hard-bitten and tenacious yet ever the centrist, Specter was a part of American public life for more than four decades.

As an ambitious young lawyer for the Warren Commission, he took credit for originating the theory that a single bullet, fired by a lone gunman, had killed President John F. Kennedy. Yet he may be remembered best for his quixotic party switch in 2009 and the subsequent campaign that cost him the Senate seat he had held for almost 30 years.

After 44 years as a Republican, Specter, who began his career as a Democrat, changed sides because he feared a challenge from the right. He wound up losing in a Democratic

He unabashedly supported Roe v. Wade, the Supreme Court decision that made abortion legal, and championed biomedical and embryonic stem cell research long before he

ment on charges of perjury and obstruction, Specter, objecting to what he called a "sham trial" without witnesses, signaled he would vote to acquit. But a simple "not guilty"

He relished his work on the Judiciary Committee. In 1987, he enraged conservatives by derailing Bork's nomination to the Supreme Court and then delighted them four years later by backing Thomas.

If he had any regrets, Specter rarely admitted them.

Arlen Specter was born on Feb. 12, 1930, in Wichita, Kan., the fourth and youngest child of Harry and Lillian Specter. The Specters later moved to Philadelphia. He won his first election to the Senate in 1980.

Those close to Specter say there was a softer side to him, but no one denied that as a lawmaker he was all business.

G. Terry Madonna, a political scientist at Franklin & Marshall College who followed Specter's career, once described how the senator would conduct constituent meetings:

"He'll say, 'I'm delighted to be here,' and give his standard 10- or 15-minute opening.

Then he'll say, 'I'll take questions now; whoever has a question, put up their hands.'

He will count the hands — one, two, three, four, to 20. And when 20 is over, he's out of there."□



**Sen. Arlen Specter (D-Pa.) following a vote on Capitol Hill in Washington, May 11, 2010. Specter, who was at the center of many of the Senate's most divisive legal battles, only to lose his seat in 2010 after quitting the Republican Party to become a Democrat, died on Oct. 14, 2012 at 82.**

(Luke Sharrett/The New York Times/FILE)

primary; the seat stayed in Republican hands.

Specter, long regarded as the Senate's sharpest legal mind, confounded fellow Republicans at every turn.

received his cancer diagnosis.

He was famous for parsing his words to wiggle out of tight spots.

During Clinton's impeach-

vote would have put him at odds with Republicans; instead, citing Scottish law, Specter voted "not proven," adding, "therefore not guilty."

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# U.S. law reaches for China in drywall suits

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Three years ago, Colleen Stephens moved her family from a 5,000-square-foot, newly renovated home overlooking the bay in Virginia Beach, Va., into a house half the size and much further inland. While she was not thrilled with the move, Stephens explained, "We would have rather lived in a tent in our backyard than put our kids back in our house."

The bigger house had been renovated with Chinese-made drywall, and Stephens contends that it reeked and made her family sick. She filed a lawsuit seeking damages in 2009, but so far, she hasn't received a cent, in part because of the complexities of suing a manufacturer from China.

But decisions in state and federal courts in recent weeks involving the company, a major Chinese manufacturer of the drywall, could mark a turning



**Colleen Stephens in the house she and her family relocated to after their first home was contaminated by toxic Chinese drywall in Virginia Beach, Va., Oct. 12, 2012. Decisions in state and federal courts in recent weeks involving a major Chinese manufacturer of drywall could mark a turning point for thousands of American homeowners. (Rich-Joseph Facun/The New York Times)**

point for thousands of U.S. homeowners like Stephens, according to lawyers representing homeowners and homebuilders. For years, the Chinese manufacturer, Taishan

Gypsum, has argued that its drywall was not defective and that courts in the U.S. had no jurisdiction over the company since the drywall was sold in this country by other companies. But a federal judge in Louisiana ruled last month in a drywall case that Taishan Gypsum was responsible for its drywall sold in Florida, Virginia and Louisiana. The ruling by U.S. District Court Judge Eldon E. Fallon followed a similar decision on Aug. 31 by a state judge in Florida.

Miami-Dade Circuit Court Judge Joseph P. Farina ruled that the plasterboard company that exported the drywall to Florida was wholly owned and controlled by Taishan Gyp-

sum, sharing an office and employees, and therefore Taishan Gypsum was subject to the court's jurisdiction. The judge also noted that Taishan Gypsum "actively targeted the Florida market by courting Florida companies, mailing drywall samples to Florida, selling large amounts of drywall to Florida-based companies." Taishan Gypsum is appealing both rulings, and the company's lawyer, Joseph Cyr, said he was confident his client would prevail. Cyr said U.S. distributors came to China looking for drywall in 2005 and 2006.

"Taishan Gypsum did not ship any drywall to the U.S.," he said, adding that Taishan "strongly disputes any claim that the drywall

is defective."

The drywall dispute is indicative of the complexities of sorting out legal claims in an increasingly interconnected world. As Jacques deLisle, a law professor at the University of Pennsylvania put it, "Products move very easily across borders. Legal judgments, not so much."

With the exception of the members of the European Union, countries rarely recognize court judgments from other nations. But often the problems are resolved in other ways. For instance, businesses from different countries include binding arbitration agreements in their contracts, said Stephen C. Yeazell, a law professor at UCLA.

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## Rights group: Syria using cluster bombs

**KARIN LAUB**  
**Associated Press**

**BEIRUT (AP)** — The Syrian regime was accused Sunday of dropping cluster bombs — indiscriminate scatter-shot munitions banned by most nations — in a new sign of desperation and disregard for its own people. The international group Human Rights Watch cited

ian passenger plane on suspicion it carried military equipment, and — according to a Turkish newspaper Sunday — sent more warships to naval bases north of the Syrian coastline. Inside Syria, rebel fighters and regime forces have been locked in a bloody stalemate for weeks, with rebels holding large rural

explode immediately, posing a threat to civilians long afterward.

Steve Goose, an arms expert for the New York-based human rights group, said most nations have already banned cluster bombs and that many of those who haven't, including the United States, said they would do so soon.

"These are weapons that are really beyond the pale," Goose said in a phone interview. "This is a weapon of desperation (for Syria) at this point in time. Only those governments and political leaders who are willing to thumb their nose at international opinion will use these weapons."

The Syrian government had no immediate comment.

First word of cluster bombs being dropped by the regime emerged in July, but the recent reports indicated a more widespread use, said Nadim Houry, a Lebanon-based researcher for Human Rights Watch.

Sunday's report said activists posted at least 18 videos in the past week showing remnants of the bombs in or near the central city of Homs, the northern cities of Idlib and Aleppo, rural areas near the town of Latakia and the eastern Ghouta district close to the capital of Damascus. The group also spoke to residents in the towns of Taftanaz and Tamane who said cluster bombs were dropped in their areas on Tuesday.

There was no immediate report of casualties from the recent cluster bombs, the report said, adding that the munitions shown in the videos were made in the Soviet Union, a major arms supplier to Syria before its collapse in 1991. □



**This citizen journalism image taken from video provided by Ugarit News, which has been authenticated based on its contents and other AP reporting, shows what Human Rights Watch says are cluster bombs dropped in Tamanea, Syria on Oct. 9, 2012. The New York-based Human Rights Watch said the use of such bombs in Syria's civil war is the latest sign of Syrian President Bashar Assad's disregard for his own people. Syrian government officials had no immediate comment.**

**(AP Photo/Ugarit News via Human Rights Watch)**

amateur video and testimony from the front lines in making the allegation against the government of President Bashar Assad.

Syria and Turkey, meanwhile, declared their skies off-limits to each other amid mounting cross-border tensions in Syria's 19-month-old conflict, now a civil war. Turkey is an outspoken backer of rebels trying to oust Assad.

The weekend's mutual ban on overflights is part of Turkey's increasingly assertive stance toward Syria that has stirred concerns about a regional conflagration. In the past two weeks, Turkey has retaliated for stray Syrian shells and mortar rounds, intercepted a Syr-

stretches in the heavily populated western area, but unable to dislodge Assad's troops from urban centers. During the summer, the regime escalated shelling and airstrikes on rebel-held neighborhoods.

Human Rights Watch said new amateur videos and interviews with residents suggests the Syrian air force has dropped cluster bombs in the past week, mainly along a main north-south highway in western Syria that runs through Maaret al-Numan, a town captured by rebels after fierce fighting.

Cluster bombs open in flight, scattering smaller bomblets over a wide area. Many of the bomblets don't

## World Briefs

### Thousands of UK troops to depart Afghanistan in 2013

**LONDON (AP)** — Britain's defense secretary says thousands of troops will leave Afghanistan next year, a major reduction in U.K. forces there. Britain has said 500 of its 9,500 troops in Afghanistan will be withdrawn this year, and all will be brought home by the end of 2014, when international troops are due to hand security over to Afghan forces. But it has not announced exactly how many will come home in 2013. Defense Secretary Philip Hammond said Sunday that he planned "a significant reduction in force numbers by the end of next year." He told the BBC that "thousands, not hundreds" of troops would be withdrawn late in 2013, "but I would not expect it to be the majority of our forces." Since 2001, 433 British troops have died in Afghanistan. □

### Montenegro ruling coalition wins parliamentary election

**PODGORICA, Montenegro (AP)** — Montenegro's ruling coalition won a parliamentary election and is set to stay in power after having ruled the Balkan country unchallenged for more than two decades despite economic troubles and allegations of crime and corruption, according to partial, unofficial results released by independent monitors Sunday. Sunday's vote — the third since Montenegro gained independence from Serbia in 2006 — were held as the country seeks membership in the European Union and battles an economic downturn. The European Montenegro coalition, led by the tiny nation's powerful ruler, Milo Djukanovic, has won 45.8 percent of the vote, or 38 out of 81 seats in the future parliament, according to the results after 54.3 percent of the ballots were counted. □

### Algeria, France back Mali's unity, territorial integrity

**ALGIERS, Algeria (AP)** — French Interior Minister says he agrees with Algeria on the importance of Mali's territorial integrity and the danger of terrorism in that country. Mali's northern half has been taken over by Tuareg tribal separatists backed by Islamist militants, including the North African branch of al-Qaida.

Manuel Valls visited Algeria Sunday to discuss the situation in Mali, to the south. The two countries have disagreed over how to resolve the crisis, with France offering logistical support to a military intervention by West African nations. Algeria has opposed any military intervention. Valls said at the airport upon his departure that France supported "all political processes that would allow Mali to preserve its territorial integrity." □



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## Officials: Northern Nigeria Mosque attacked; 24 dead

JON GAMBRELL  
Associated Press

**LAGOS, Nigeria (AP)** — Gunmen armed with assault rifles attacked a rural village Sunday in northern Nigeria, killing at least 24 people, including worshippers leaving a mosque after prayers before dawn, officials said.

The attack happened in Dogon Dawa, a village deep in the pasturelands of Kaduna state where police and security forces maintain only a light presence. Police and soldiers also cut off access to the region Sunday, limiting the response of aid agencies.

A rescue official in the state who lives near the village told The Associated Press the attacks began in the early morning under the cover of darkness, with as many as 50 gunmen surrounding the village and its surrounding farmlands.

The majority of those killed appeared to be leaving the village's main mosque after the early call to prayers, the official said.

The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity out of fear of being targeted by those who carried out the attack, said a man he talked to who counted the dead in the village found 24 corpses. The official said the man in the village also found spent shell casings from assault rifles after the attack, suggesting the killers had access to heavy weaponry.

Kaduna state police commissioner Olufemi Adenaike earlier said 12 people were killed in the attack, though police in Nigeria routinely downplay casualties.

"We cannot ascertain the (total) number of people killed for now, and more over we cannot say what or who was responsible for the attack," Adenaike said. "We couldn't get immediate information from the area because the (mobile phone) network there is very poor."

While police routinely have many officers stationed throughout major cities in Nigeria, police presence in villages can sometimes be a single officer working out of someone's home.

The reasons for the attack remained unclear Sunday. □

## London: Occupy activists stage St Paul's protest



**Four women activists of the Occupy movement protest chained to the pulpit inside St Paul's Cathedral as preparations for evensong take place in London, Sunday, Oct. 14, 2012. Several supporters of the anti-corporate Occupy movement chained themselves to the pulpit of St. Paul's Cathedral during a service on Sunday in an action marking the anniversary of its now-dismantled protest camp outside the London landmark.**

(AP Photo/Alastair Grant)

**LONDON (AP)** — Several supporters of the anti-corporate Occupy movement chained themselves to the pulpit of St. Paul's Cathedral during a service Sunday in an action marking the anniversary of its now-dismantled protest camp outside the London landmark.

The Dean of St. Paul's, David Ison, said he was taking an evening prayer service when "four young women dressed in white" chained

themselves to the structure. "It will be a long, cold night if they want to stay there," he said. Photos showed the women, one of whom was in a wheelchair, around the pulpit with a note written on an umbrella urging "throw the money changers out of the temple."

City of London police said officers weren't trying to remove the demonstrators. Other protesters unfurled a banner with a similar message outside the church.

Protesters against capitalist excess and social inequality set up camp outside Christopher Wren's domed landmark on Oct. 15, 2011, after they were stopped from demonstrating outside the nearby London Stock Exchange.

The tent city embroiled the historic church in a conflict between bank-bashing demonstrators — inspired by New York's Occupy Wall Street protesters — and the city's finance industry. □

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## Putin loyalists likely to win Russia local votes

**MAX SEDDON**

**Associated Press**

**KHIMKI, Russia (AP)** — President Vladimir Putin's loyalists appeared likely Sunday to retain their hold in thousands of local elections that offered slightly more room for competition, but were marred by opposition claims of widespread vote fraud.

The Kremlin eased stiff election laws in response to major protests against Putin's rule last winter, but introduced new restrictions after the demonstrations abated. Kremlin-approved governors and most of the incumbent mayors appeared poised to preserve their seats and the Kremlin's main United Russia party will likely keep dominating local legislatures and municipal councils.

In one of the most visible



**Opposition activist Yevgenia Chirikova, left, shakes hands with Khimki acting mayor Oleg Shakhov at a polling station in the town of Khimki outside Moscow, Russia, Sunday, Oct. 14, 2012. Chirikova who played a prominent role in protests against President Vladimir Putin's rule, is challenging Shakhov in mayoral elections in Khimki. Khimki's election is one of several thousand local elections held in Russia on Sunday.**

(AP Photo/Mikhail Metzel)

Chirikova was challenging the

government-backed acting mayor of Khimki, a town just outside Moscow.

Chirikova, a 35-year-old mother of two who helped organize the anti-Putin protests in Moscow, filed two petitions — alleging her rival broke campaign rules and that election officials manipulated voter lists. Authorities rejected her complaints, and it was unclear when a court could issue its verdict.

"If the elections were fair, then I'd have some kind of chance," Chirikova said Sunday. "But since the elections in this country are what they are, then my chances are different."

With 30 percent of precincts counted, Khimki acting Mayor Oleg Shakhov was winning the race with 47 percent of the vote, while Chirikova was trailing him with 20 percent. Full preliminary results are expected Monday.

Local authorities repeatedly denied Chirikova a public space to hold a rally; when she and Ksenia Sobchak, a glamorous TV host who became a face of Moscow protests, leafleted a tram this week, an obviously nervous conductor announced the vehicle was broken down and forced all passengers off, after which it drove away, apparently without any problem. Chirikova's supporters allege that her Kremlin-backed rival is prepared to go to any lengths to prevent her winning, citing alleged ballot irregularities and even threats of violence to observers.

"I'm convinced they decided to do everything with pen and paper after the polls close," Nikolai Lyaskin, Chirikova's campaign manager, said. □

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## Andes survivors mark 40th anniversary of crash

BY LUIS ANDRES HENAO

Associated Press

**SANTIAGO, Chile (AP)** —

Surviving members of an Uruguayan rugby team have played a match postponed four decades ago when their plane crashed in the Andes, stranding them for 72 days in the cordillera and forcing them to eat human flesh to stay alive.

The Old Christians Club squared off Saturday in Santiago in a game that was tied 1-1 against the Old Grangonian Club, the former Chilean rugby team they were supposed to play back when their flight went down. Their terrifying story became the basis of a best-selling book and a Hollywood movie.

"At about this time we were falling in the Andes. Today, we're here to win a game," crash survivor Pedro Algorta, 61, said as he prepared to walk onto the playing field surrounded by the jagged mountains that trapped the group.

During the anniversary ceremony, military jets flew over

the field, where parachutists draped in Chilean and Uruguayan flags landed. In a corner, survivors wept when officials unveiled a commemorative frame with pictures of those who died in the snowy peaks.

"The conditions were more horrifying than you can ever imagine. To live at 4,000 meters without any food," said survivor Eduardo Strauch, 65. "The only reason why we're here alive today is because we

had the goal of returning home ... (Our loved ones) gave us life. They made the sacrifice for others."

The Uruguayan air force plane that carried the team crashed in a mountain pass in October 1972 while en

route from Montevideo to Santiago. "I think the greatest sadness I felt in my life was when I had to eat a dead body," said Roberto Canessa, 59, who was a teenage medical student at the time of the crash. □



Former members of Uruguay's rugby team who survived a 1972 plane crash in the Chilean Andes hold a minute of silence after the unveiling a plaque with pictures of family members and friends who died in the crash, in Santiago, Chile, Saturday, Oct. 13, 2012. Uruguay's former rugby players marked the 40 year anniversary since they survived 72 days in the Chilean Andes by playing a rugby match with the former members of Chile's team. Only 16 of the 45 passengers aboard survived, by feeding on dead passengers preserved in the snow.

(AP Photo/Luis Andres Henao)

## Chavez announces new Venezuelan Cabinet

JORGE RUEDA

Associated Press

**CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)** —

Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez swore in his new vice president and six other Cabinet ministers on Saturday, less than a week after winning a new mandate to extend his self-styled Bolivarian revolution. Former Foreign Minister Nicolas Maduro replaced Elias Jaua as Chavez's vice president.

The 49-year-old Maduro, a burly former bus driver, is considered the member of Chavez's government with the closest ties to Cuba's Fidel and Raul Castro.

The vice presidential job has assumed new importance because of Chavez's

recent struggle with cancer and rumors have circulated that Maduro is being groomed as his successor. Jaua will be the ruling party's candidate for the governorship of Miranda, Venezuela's second largest state, which is the power base of Henrique Capriles, the rival Chavez beat in Oct. 7 elections.

Among the Cabinet changes was the appointment of Gen.

Nestor Reverol as the new minister of the interior and justice, replacing Tarek El Aissami, who will run to be governor of Aragua. Reverol had led Venezuela's anti-drug body.

Adm. Carmen Melendez is the new head of the Of-

fice of the Presidency, replacing Erika Farias, who will seek the governorship of the west-central state of Cojedes.

New ministers of information and communication, agriculture, the environment and indigenous peoples were also sworn in.

In the swearing-in ceremony aired on state television, Chavez called on his new ministers to continue "the fight to transform the old capitalist and bourgeois state ... into a socialist state."

He also called for greater government efficiency.

Chavez won 55 percent of the vote in the election, beating Capriles by 11 percentage points. □



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# Colombian peace talks to lack high-profile rebels

VIVIAN SEQUERA

Associated Press

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP)

— Absent from the peace talks opening in Norway this week between Colombia's main leftist rebel movement and the government will be the guerrilla heavyweights who presided a decade ago over the last attempt to end a conflict that has claimed tens of thousands of lives over nearly half a century.

This time, the faces and names of the negotiators for the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, are little known to their countrymen. Many of the former top leaders are dead, most killed in military raids, while a few others are believed to have remained in the field.

Also unlike the last talks in 1999-2002, the rebels this time have no safe haven and there's no cease-fire; President Juan Manuel Santos refused to accept one. With a much weaker negotiating position this time around, Colombia's battered rebels are keeping a low profile heading into the talks being held at an undisclosed location outside Oslo. There is no media access and even the hour and date of the gathering, originally said to be scheduled for Monday, are uncertain.

The rebels, meanwhile, have offered only a vague sense of what they will demand in exchange for laying down their arms, beyond land reform and guarantees of safety for fighters who demobilize.

The upcoming talks were the subject of a demonstration in Bogota on Sunday, with protesters demanding justice for civilians allegedly



A girl holds up a poster with an image of missing Jose Hidalgo during a protest organized by activists and relatives of people allegedly disappeared by rebels, in Bogota, Colombia, Sunday, Oct. 14, 2012. Demonstrators demanded participation in the peace talks between Colombia's government and Colombia's main leftist rebel movement, FARC, that will start on Monday in Norway.

(AP Photo/Fernando Vergara)

disappeared by the rebels and requesting a voice in the peace negotiations. Former President Andres Pastrana, who presided over Colombia's last round of peace talks that ran nearly the entire length of his 1998-2002 term before collapsing in discord, is among the Colombians who wonder why two still-powerful commanders who took part in the previous negotiations, Joaquin Gomez and Fabian Ramirez, will be absent from the Norway talks.

"The question we have to

ask is: Is the FARC monolithically united behind this process?" said Pastrana, who met secretly with legendary FARC founder Manuel Marulanda in 1998 to arrange the last round of talks.

"I don't have that very clear. Let's hope it is."

The FARC negotiators, whose discussions with the government are to move to Havana later this month, do include two members of the rebels' ruling seven-man Secretariat, Ivan Marquez and Andres Paris, as well as Marco Leon Ca-

larca, the rebels' public voice during the 1990s.

Another negotiator, Ricardo Tellez, was seized in 2004 by Colombian agents in Venezuela but freed by the Colombian government three years later as a good-faith gesture to encourage the FARC to free all its "political hostages."

The rebels released their last such captives in April, meeting a condition of the agreement under which secret preliminary talks began on Feb. 23 in Havana. Possibly participating by teleconference in the Oslo discussions will be the fifth FARC negotiator, Ricardo Palmera. Serving a 60-year sentence in the United States, the former banker gained fame during the last talks and is the only negotiator well-known to Colombians.

Palmera was convicted in the abduction of three U.S. military contractors whose surveillance plane crashed in rebel territory in 2002 due to mechanical failure. The three men were rescued in July 2008 along with former presidential candidate Ingrid Betancourt in a sophisticated ruse involving Colombian commandos posing as international relief workers.

Colombia's chief prosecutor has said that Palmera could be allowed to participate in the Oslo talks via teleconference from a prison in Colorado.

Many of the FARC's former top leaders have been captured like Palmera or killed in military raids that began tipping the conflict in the government's favor in 2008.

The group's founding leader, Manuel Marulanda, died of an apparent heart

attack in 2008, the same year its chief spokesman at those talks, Raul Reyes, was killed in a cross-border military raid into Ecuador that briefly brought regional tensions to a boiling point. In September 2010, the group lost its undisputed field marshal, Jorge Briceño, or Mono Jojoy, in an air assault on his jungle hideout. And Marulanda's successor atop the FARC, Alfonso Cano, was killed by Colombia's military last year. The rebels' footprint is also much diminished, though the insurgents have stepped up hit-and-run attacks in recent months, particularly on oil installations. While the FARC operated in more than half of Colombia's 1,102 municipalities at the height of its strength in the 1990s, its activity is now focused on just 70 municipalities, the Defense Ministry says. The FARC's current top commander, Timoleon Jimenez, commands an estimated 9,000 rebels, a force depleted by desertions from roughly twice that number a decade ago.

Jimenez acknowledged on Sept. 4, when both sides announced the formal peace talks, the damage inflicted on his organization by the U.S.-backed military buildup that began in 2000 under Pastrana and was intensified by his successor, Alvaro Uribe, for whom the country's current president, Santos, served as defense minister from 2006-2009.

"Let us seek dialogue, a bloodless solution, an understanding through political means," Jimenez, 53, said in an interview published last month by the Communist Party weekly Voz. □





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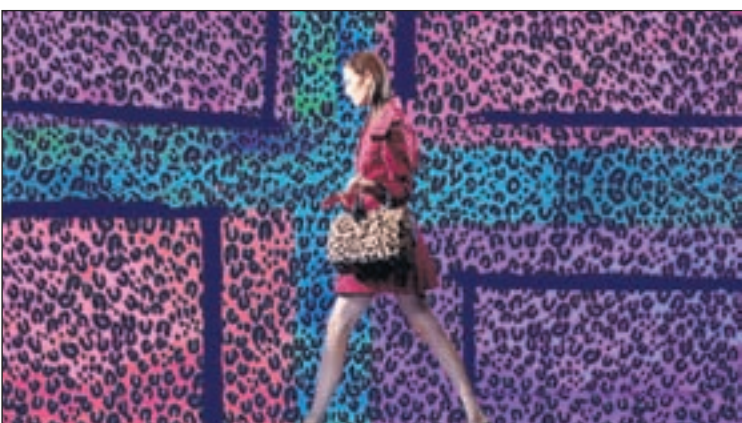
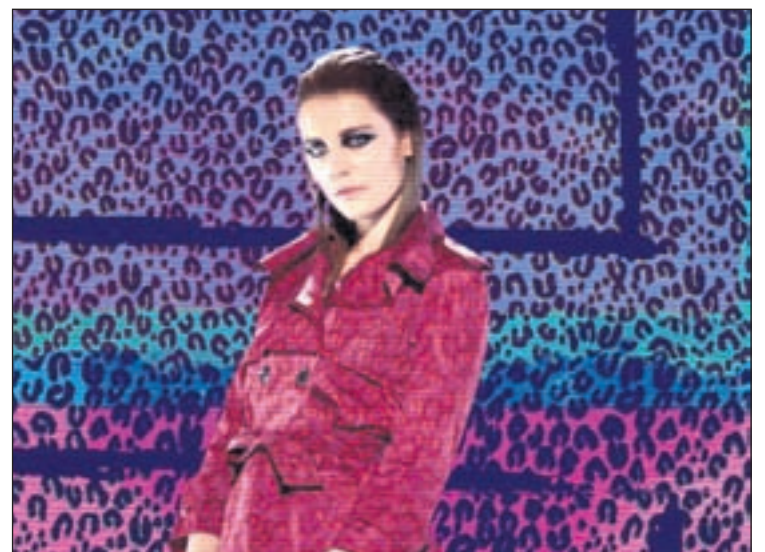
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## Cuba's Ladies in White mourn leader 1 year later

**ANNE-MARIE GARCIA**  
**Associated Press**

**HAVANA (AP)** — Cuba's Ladies in White dissident group on Sunday marked the one-year anniversary of their co-founder's death with cries of "Laura Pollan lives!" outside a Havana church. Several dozen women dressed in white and carrying gladiolas also yelled "freedom!" at their weekly protest march in a western neighborhood of the Cuban capital. Many wore T-shirts bearing the image of Pollan, who died Oct. 14, 2011 after a week in intensive care for a respiratory virus. "We are in mourning today. We have a lot of pain," said Berta Soler, who has become the group's most public face since Pollan died. "But we also have great strength, because Laura is giving us great strength." Cuban authorities call the dissidents "counterrevolu-

tionaries" who take money from Washington and anti-Castro interest groups to undermine the island nation's Communist system. The Ladies in White were formed in 2003 by wives and relatives seeking the release of 75 dissidents rounded up that year and given long prison sentences, including Hector Maseda, Pollan's widower. The last 52 people in the group still behind bars seven years later were freed under a 2010 deal brokered by the Roman Catholic Church. Most went into exile in Spain along with their families. But under Pollan's and Soler's leadership, the Ladies in White adopted a more general political agenda and continued protesting with a mostly new membership. In 2005, the European Union awarded the Ladies in White its annual Sakharov human rights prize. □



Members of Cuba's Ladies in White dissident group participate in a march marking one year since the death of a co-founder of the group, Laura Pollan, in Havana, Cuba, Sunday, Oct. 14, 2012. The Ladies in White was formed in 2003 mostly by wives and family members of 75 dissidents jailed in a crackdown on dissent. Pollan had been married to one of the dissident prisoners, Hector Maseda. (AP Photo/Ramon Espinosa)

## Hundreds protest Haiti's cost of living

**PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP)** — Hundreds of people have marched in Haiti's capital to protest higher living costs.

The demonstrators have criticized President Michel Martelly while marching past the cinderblock shanties of downtown Port-au-Prince. They say Martelly has broken a promise to cover the cost of school tuition and has not done enough to alleviate the suffering of the Caribbean nation's poor.

It is the second, and smaller, of two anti-government protests in the capital in as many weeks. Similar demonstrations have also been organized in the countryside.

There was no immediate response Sunday from the Martelly administration, but the government last month created a commission to work with businesses and farmers' groups to stabilize food prices. □



A demonstrator holds up images of former Haiti's President Jean Bertrand Aristide during a protest in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Sunday, Oct. 14, 2012. Hundreds of people protested in Haiti's capital over what they say is a higher cost of living. The demonstrators marched through the cinderblock shanties of downtown Port-au-Prince as they criticized the policies of President Michel Martelly.

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# SPORTS

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Detroit Tigers' Phil Coke reacts after striking out New York Yankees' Curtis Granderson to end Game 2 of the American League championship series Sunday, Oct. 14, 2012, in New York. The Tigers defeated the Yankees 3-0.

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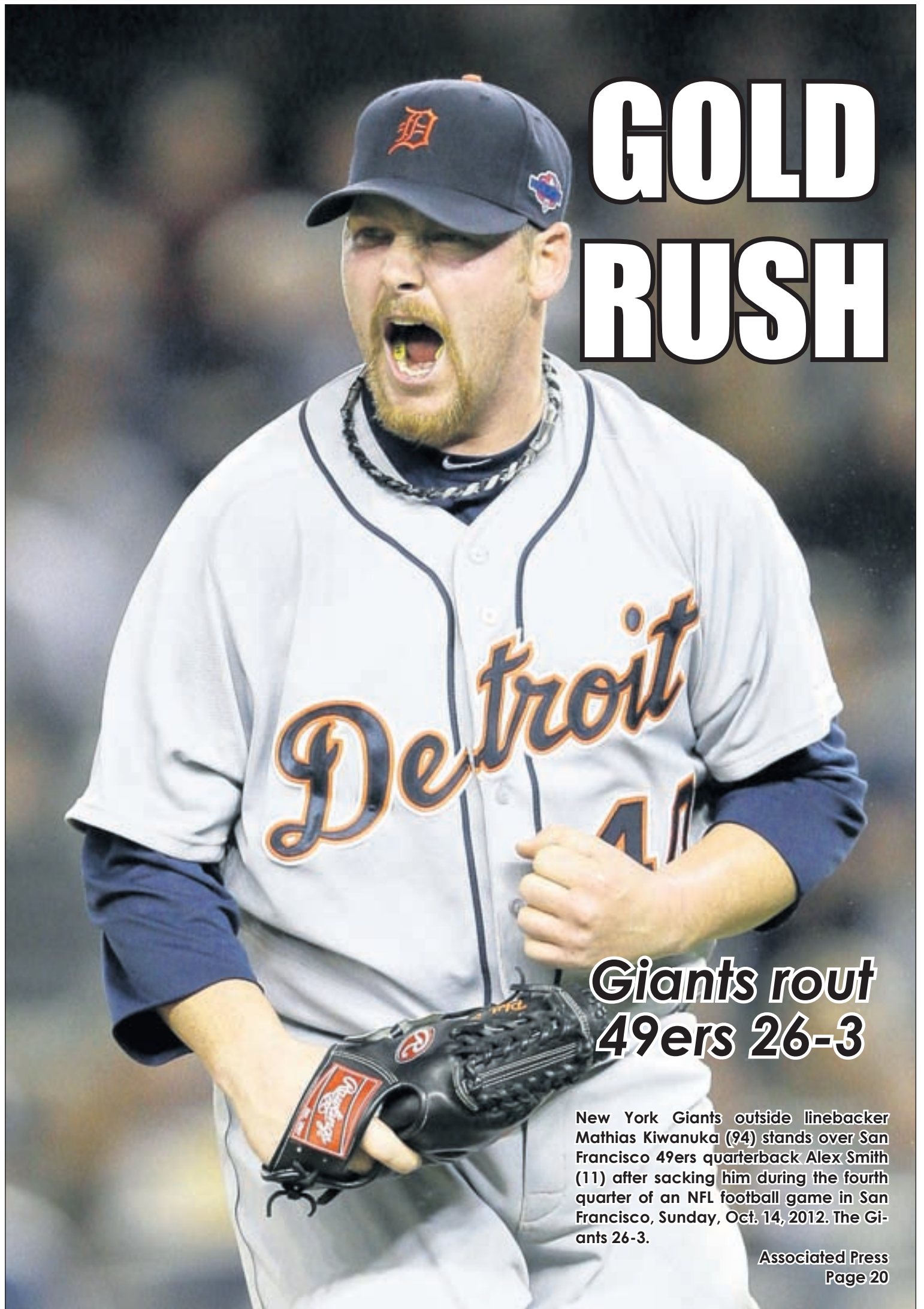
### Sanchez, Tigers beat Yanks for 2-0 lead in ALCS

By HOWIE RUMBERG

AP Sports Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** -- Anibal Sanchez and the Detroit Tigers made the plays, got a favorable call from an umpire and took advantage of their few chances at the plate. The reward: a commanding lead in the AL championship series, and a trip home with their ace ready to start. Sanchez shut down a Yankees lineup minus injured Derek Jeter, and Detroit won without any drama, beating New York 3-0 Sunday for a 2-0 cushion. Yankees starter Hiroki Kuroda pitched perfect ball into the sixth inning. But the slumping New York hitters looked lost a day after their captain broke his ankle in the 12th inning of a 6-4 loss. Making his second postseason start, Sanchez pitched three-hit ball deep into the game to make Tigers manager Jim Leyland's handling of a bullpen without struggling closer Jose Valverde a lot easier.

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# GOLD RUSH

### Giants rout 49ers 26-3

New York Giants outside linebacker Mathias Kiwanuka (94) stands over San Francisco 49ers quarterback Alex Smith (11) after sacking him during the fourth quarter of an NFL football game in San Francisco, Sunday, Oct. 14, 2012. The Giants 26-3.

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Novak Djokovic of Serbia holds the champion trophy during the award ceremony for the men's singles match against Andy Murray of Britain at the Shanghai Masters tennis tournament at Qizhong Forest Sports City Tennis Center in Shanghai, China, Sunday Oct. 14, 2012. Djokovic won 5-7, 7-6(11), 6-3.

Associated Press

## Djokovic rallies to beat Murray in Shanghai final

**SHANGHAI (AP)** — Novak Djokovic saved five match points in the second set before outlasting two-time defending champion Andy Murray 5-7, 7-6 (11), 6-3 Sunday in the Shanghai Masters final.

In another entertaining struggle between the two U.S. Open finalists, Djokovic seemed headed for defeat when Murray was serving for the match at 5-4 in the second set, but saved one

match point in that game before breaking back for 5-5. He then saved four more in a tense tiebreaker and carried his momentum into the deciding set, breaking the Briton twice to earn his fifth title of the year.

"I won the match," Djokovic said. "But, you know, as spectators could see, we were very close. It was a very even match throughout the whole three sets. He was so close to the victory that I cannot say I was the better player."

It was Murray's first loss in Shanghai in 13 matches. Murray, who beat Djokovic in five sets at Flushing Meadows for his first Grand Slam title, saved two match points in the final game, but sent a backhand long on the third.

"It was a disappointing one to lose," Murray said. "I've lost tougher matches than that before in the biggest events. So I'm sure I'll recover from it pretty well. "It's not like I threw the match away. I didn't make, I don't think, any real glaring errors or anything." In a matchup of two of the game's best returners, both players struggled to hold serve early, trading breaks three times en route to 4-4 in the first set.

When Djokovic was broken for the fourth time in the 11th game, he lost his cool and shattered his racket by smashing it into the ground

four times before slinging it disgustedly toward his sideline chair.

"We are humans in the end," Djokovic said about losing his temper. "We are professional tennis players and we're big rivals, but in the end we're humans. We shouldn't be ashamed of our emotions. I don't see anything bad in showing your emotions — positive, negative emotions. We can't just be flat-faced throughout the whole match."

But the momentum seemed to shift with one audacious shot from the second-ranked Serb, just as Murray thought he was closing in on his third straight title at the tournament.

Trailing 5-4 and 30-0 in the second set, Djokovic chased down a lob from Murray and hit a perfect between-the-legs shot to return the ball, then followed it up with a drop shot to win the point. He went on to save Murray's first match point with a forehand, and broke back when the Briton missed a forehand of his own two points later.

In the 20-minute tiebreaker, Djokovic finally prevailed when he converted his fourth set point with a forehand winner.

Murray couldn't recover, and Djokovic broke for a 4-3 lead before winning the next two games as well to wrap up the win. □

# Beauty On The Beach

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### AL championship

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The Tigers scored twice in the eighth after second base umpire Jeff Nelson missed a call on a two-out tag at second base. Yankees manager Joe Girardi argued, and was ejected on his 48th birthday. Game 3 in the best-of-seven series is Tuesday night in Detroit, with reigning AL MVP Justin Verlander starting for the Tigers against Phil Hughes. Verlander went 2-0 in the division series versus Oakland, including a four-hit shutout with 11 strikeouts in the decisive Game 5.

The Tigers led 1-0 in the eighth and had Omar Infante on first with two outs. Austin Jackson singled and when Infante took a wide turn at second, right fielder Nick Swisher threw behind him.

Robinson Cano made a swipe tag as Infante made a head-first dive back to second. Cano missed Infante's arm but brushed his body, replays clearly showed. But Nelson called Infante safe.

Cano and Girardi pleaded the call to no avail. Boone Logan replaced Kuroda and gave up an RBI single to pinch hitter Avisail Garcia to make it 2-0.

Girardi returned to lift Logan for Joba Chamberlain, and then he remained on the field to resume the argument. Red-faced with neck muscles bulging, Girardi could be seen shouting at Nelson, "You were right there. How could you miss it?" He was tossed by Nelson for his first postseason ejection.

Miguel Cabrera added a run-scoring single in the inning.

Cano had no luck at the plate, either. The All-Star's slump extended to a record 26 hitless at-bats in a

single postseason, breaking the mark of 24 set by Baltimore's Bobby Bonilla in 1996.

There were many empty seats near the foul poles, and a subdued crowd spent much of the day venting its frustration, booing the punchless Yankees. The 47,082 in attendance reserved its biggest cheers early for Jeter, who broke his ankle in the 12th inning of Saturday night's 6-4 loss. The "Bleacher Creatures" included the captain in their roll call and fans let out a modest cheer pregame when Jeter was shown in video thanking fans on the scoreboard.

While the Yankees are headed to Detroit for what they hope will be three games, their captain will fly to Charlotte, N.C., to visit a foot specialist.

Jhonny Peralta singled in the sixth for the Tigers' first baserunner against Kuroda, who was pitching on short rest for the first time in his big league career. Young then gave Detroit the lead with a forceout grounder in the seventh, a night after putting the Tigers ahead in the 12th inning with a double.

Sanchez has had quite the success in the Bronx. He made his big league debut at the old Yankee Stadium when it was across the street, and pitched 5 2-3 shutout innings for Marlins in 2006. The only player to notch two hits against him in that game was Jeter.

Pitching for the first time in this four-year-old ballpark - and in front of his parents - Sanchez limited the slumping Yankees to just three hits and three walks, one an intentional pass to Raul Ibanez.

When Ichiro Suzuki reached on Sanchez's fielding error to open the sixth and advanced to third with two outs, Peralta was there to

bail out his pitcher with another nifty play, bare-handing a slow grounder for the third out.

Sanchez made a crafty play of his own in the first with runners on first and second, reaching behind his back to glove Russell Martin's comebacker. Leyland took Valverde out of consideration for the closer role on Sunday. Valverde gave up a pair of two-run homers in the ninth inning Saturday night and also blew a save in the division series. □



Detroit Tigers' Omar Infante dives back into second as New York Yankees' Robinson Cano reaches to tag him in the eighth inning of Game 2 of the American League championship series Sunday, Oct. 14, 2012, in New York. Infante was called safe on the play by umpire Jeff Nelson.

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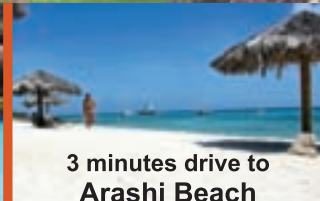
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# N.Y. Giants force 3 INTs, rout 49ers 26-3

By **ANTONIO GONZALEZ**

AP Sports Writer

**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)** -- The New York Giants gave the San Francisco 49ers another reason to simmer.

Antrel Rolle intercepted two passes by Alex Smith, Prince Amukamara picked off another and the Giants shut down San Francisco in a 26-3 victory over the 49ers on Sunday in a rematch of last season's NFC championship game.

After outscoring the Bills and Jets by a combined 79-3 the last two weeks, the 49ers (4-2) met their match again with Eli Manning and New York's top team. No overtime needed this time, and not much of Manning either.

Manning threw for 193 yards and one touchdown,



**New York Giants quarterback Eli Manning (10) calls a play at the line of scrimmage against the San Francisco 49ers during the first quarter of an NFL football game in San Francisco, Sunday, Oct. 14, 2012.**

Associated Press

At one point in the first half, Manning completed eight consecutive passes for 142 yards and had the usually stout San Francisco defense out of sorts. Domenik Hixon caught passes of 39 and 16 yards on consecutive third downs, and Victor Cruz followed with a 6-yard touchdown catch and his usual salsa dance in the end zone to give the Giants a 7-3 lead in the second quarter.

New York's next drive stalled and Tynes kicked a 34-yard field goal to go ahead 10-3. Tarell Brown blocked a 40-yard attempt by Tynes, San Francisco took over with 8 seconds left before half and wildcat quarterback Colin Kaepernick completed a 36-yard pass to Mario Manningham - the former Giant - before David Akers missed wide left from 52 yards as time expired.

Akers, who tied the NFL record with a 63-yard field goal in a Week 1 win at Green Bay, also hooked a 43-yard field goal wide right on San Francisco's first drive. He made a 42-yarder from the same right hash mark. The All-Pro kicker is 11 of 16 this season.

Once the break was over, the Giants sent San Francisco spiraling down and out in a New York minute.

David Wilson returned the second-half kickoff 66 yards to set up Bradshaw's 1-yard TD run. That extended New York's lead to 17-3 and quieted the Candlestick crowd - except for the Giants fans that sprinkled the stands blue on a sun-splashed day along the bay.

On San Francisco's next two possessions, Rolle intercepted Smith's passes to foil any 49ers rally.

The first came on an overthrown pass intended for Manningham that Rolle returned 20 yards to the San Francisco 12. And on the next possession, he stepped in front of a pass to Williams and ran 22 yards to the San Francisco 5.

The only downside for New York is it settled for field goals both times. □

## Wilson leads Seattle past Patriots 24-23

By **TIM BOOTH**

AP Sports Writer

**SEATTLE (AP)** -- Tom Brady and the best offense in the NFL got upstaged by an undersized rookie.

In the final minutes, it was Russell Wilson and the Seattle Seahawks making all the big plays.

Wilson found Sidney Rice behind the secondary for a 46-yard touchdown with 1:18 remaining, and the Seahawks rallied for 14 points in the final 7:31 to stun the New England Patriots 24-23 Sunday.

The matchup between the Patriots' No. 1 ranked offense and Seattle's No. 1 defense instead turned in to a starring performance for Wilson, and a shocking rally.

Wilson hit Braylon Edwards on fourth down for a 10-yard TD to get the Seahawks within 23-17. After a pair of holds by Seattle's defense, Wilson found Rice streaking open on a double move for his third touchdown pass of the game. Steven Hauschka's extra point gave Seattle (4-



**Seattle Seahawks' Sidney Rice comes down with a game-winning touchdown reception in the second half of an NFL football game against the New England Patriots, Sunday, Oct. 14, 2012, in Seattle. The Seahawks beat the Patriots, 24-23.**

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2) the lead with 78 seconds remaining.

Brady had a final chance to make up for all the opportunities the Patriots (3-3) squandered. Starting at his 20 with 1:14 left, Brady missed Brandon Lloyd, then was sacked by Jason Jones, the first sack all day by Seattle. His pass for Aaron Hernandez, back after being out since Week 2 with an ankle injury, was

incomplete, and Wes Welker was stopped short on fourth down.

That gave former Patriots coach Pete Carroll one of his biggest pro victories. Wilson finished 16 of 27 for 293 yards, the best day of his young career. He added Brady to an impressive list of quarterbacks he's topped this year: Tony Romo, Aaron Rodgers and Cam Newton. □

Ahmad Bradshaw ran for 116 yards and a score and New York (4-2) rode a dominant defense and four fields by Lawrence Tynes to hand outspoken 49ers coach Jim Harbaugh the most lopsided loss of his tenure.

What a San Francisco treat. The Giants grinded out a 20-17 overtime win at rain-soaked Candlestick Park on Jan. 22, capitalizing on two fumbles by fill-in returner Kyle Williams en route to another Super Bowl title over the Patriots. All week some San Francisco players talked about "unfinished business," and Harbaugh added to the hype when he fired back a strongly worded statement criticizing Giants offensive coordinator Kevin Gilbride for saying All-Pro defensive end Justin Smith often "gets away with murder" holding linemen.

For all the hoopla, the rematch was never close.

Amukamara's interception in the second quarter started a surge of New York offense. Smith, who wore tape around his sprained middle finger, lofted the pass too high and allowed Amukamara to leap underneath the ball before tight end Delanie Walker even had a chance at the Giants 33.



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## Funk edges Waldorf to win Greater Hickory Classic

**CONOVER, North Carolina (AP)** — Fred Funk won the Greater Hickory Classic for his second Champions Tour title of the year and eighth overall, holing a 2-foot birdie putt on the final hole to beat Duffy Waldorf by a stroke.

The 56-year-old Funk closed with a 3-under 69 on Rock Barn's Jones Course to finish at 15-under 201. He also won eight times on the

PGA Tour.

"I really wanted to win here really bad," Funk said.

"I've been knocking at the door on this tournament a lot ... but I was feeling the heat. When you get in contention, you always want to finish it."

Funk had a bogey-free tournament and has gone 60 holes without a bogey since the 13th hole last week in the final round of

the SAS Championship. He also extended his run of bogey-free holes at Rock Barn to 84, beginning with the seventh hole in the second round last year.

Also the winner at The Woodlands in Texas in May, Funk opened with consecutive 66s to take a one-stroke lead into the final round.

Funk made his first birdie of the round on No. 12 af-



Fred Funk watches his tee off shot on the seventh hole during the final round of the Greater Hickory Classic Champions Tour golf tournament at Rock Barn in Conover, N.C., Sunday, Oct. 14, 2012.

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## Azarenka beats Goerges to win Generali Ladies

**LINZ, Austria (AP)** — Top-ranked Victoria Azarenka won her sixth WTA title of the season Sunday by beating Julia Goerges 6-3, 6-4 at the Generali Ladies. Azarenka, who now has 14 career titles, extended her unbeaten run without conceding a set to 13 matches since losing the U.S. Open final in September. She pulled out because of dizziness before her quarter-final at Tokyo two weeks ago and won in Beijing last week to begin her streak.

"I don't really count my victories," Azarenka said. "I just try to go out there and enjoy every match."

Azarenka broke the fifth-seeded Goerges in the opening game and again at 5-3 to take the first set. That still made the German the first opponent to win more than two games in one set against the Belarusian at this tournament.

"I felt very good, very energized each day of this week," Azarenka said.

The event in Austria was her



Victoria Azarenka of Belarus displays her trophy after winning the final match against Germany's Julia Goerges in the Generali Ladies tennis tournament in Linz, Austria, Sunday, Oct. 14, 2012. Top-ranked Victoria Azarenka won her sixth WTA title of the season Sunday by beating Julia Goerges 6-3, 6-4.

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final tournament ahead of the season-ending WTA Championships, which start in eight days' time in Istanbul.

Azarenka won 12 consecutive points early in the second set to help build a 5-0 lead. She then lost four

straight games before closing out the final on her fifth match point.

"I lost my concentration," Azarenka said. "Julia came back so strong and I made some unnecessary mistakes. I am glad I came out on top." □

ter hitting his second shot out of a fairway divot, and added a second birdie on No. 14. The birdies allowed Funk to keep a share of the lead with Waldorf, who began the day at 8 under but climbed into contention with six birdies. Waldorf finished with a 66.

"I had two great days of putting, and that made the difference," said Waldorf, a four-time winner on the PGA Tour who became eligible to play the 50-and-over tour in August. "That really got me going. I would've liked to have hit the ball closer a few more times, because I was rolling in the putts."

However, Waldorf came up short on a 20-foot birdie putt on No. 18 that would have given him the lead. That opened the door for Funk, who put his second shot on the fringe, then chipped to set up the win-

ning putt.

"I assumed Duffy was going to birdie No. 18," Funk said. "When I saw that I needed a birdie to win, I played real aggressive with my tee shot. I just smoked a 3-wood, and hit a great chip."

Still, I was pretty nervous about that putt."

Mark Wiebe, the winner last year in a playoff, also birdied No. 18 to move into third at 10 under. He had a 70. Chip Beck, Jay Don Blake, John Cook, first-round leader Dan Forsman and Peter Senior tied for fourth at 9 under. Blake and Cook shot 68, Forsman and Senior had 70s, and Beck shot 71. Bernhard Langer, who the Charles Schwab Cup points leader who also tops the money list, had a 69 to tie for ninth at 8 under. Tom Lehman, second in the points race, finished at 3 under after a 71. □



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# Ex-Miss Florida Allison Kreiger discusses bulimia

**IRENE MAHER**

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ST. PETERSBURG—Allison Kreiger's eating disorder started when she was just 13 and continued until she was a senior in high school. She didn't set out to lose weight, but to gain control over a life that felt out of control to a young girl. Anorexia can cause dramatic weight loss, making it more visible. But Kreiger, who would go on to be crowned Miss Florida in 2006, started out with the bingeing and purging condition bulimia. Her weight seemed stable until anorexia took over in her senior year. Kreiger, already slim, quickly dropped 30 pounds, making apparent the damage years of purging had caused. She lost much of her hair, her eyes were bloodshot from chronic vomiting, her teeth were corroded by stomach acid, her heart was weak. "I am very lucky to be alive," says Kreiger, now 29, who is married, a new mother, and a recent law

school graduate.

As Miss Florida, the Orlando resident adopted eating disorder awareness as her service platform. "It's

Kreiger's advocacy continues at the University of Florida and her nonprofit organization, HOPE, Helping Other People Eat. She



**Allison Kreiger Walsh is a motivational speaker, freelance writer, public relations professional and a non-profit activist. Allison is the President/Founder of H.O.P.E. – Helping Other People Eat, a 501c3 nonprofit organization that focuses on the prevention and awareness of eating disorders. In addition to serving as the inaugural Chairwoman of the National Jr. Board for the National Eating Disorders Association and lobbying with the Eating Disorders Coalition on Capitol Hill, Allison has personally spoken to over 50,000 people about the dangers of eating disorders.**

(Handout Photo)

a scary disease with a lot of shame," said Kreiger, "and eating disorders are rampant on school campuses everywhere."

is on the board of the National Eating Disorders Association and is at its annual conference, through Saturday at the Renaissance

Vinoy Resort in St. Petersburg.

Kreiger spoke to the Times this week about her work and her recovery.

Why did your life feel so out of control at age 13?

I was a competitive baton twirler from the age of 5. You had to train like gymnasts several hours in the gym every day and take dance classes at night. We had school performances on Fridays, competitions on Saturdays and Sundays we traveled home from competitions. By the time I was 13, I was over it.

But I didn't say anything because I didn't want to disappoint anybody. My mom competed in baton; her former coach was coaching me. This was our family sport. My parents never criticized me or said I was a failure if I didn't win. I was doing that to myself. How did the eating disorder start?

One time, after an intense practice session that I thought didn't go well, I got so worked up and up-

set that I got sick (vomited). And I felt better after doing that. Something was triggered in my brain that told me I felt better when I got sick.

It became my relief, my way to cope with stress. It quickly became a "go to" behavior. I had to eat lots of food in order to have something to purge, so I started bingeing. I was 13 and didn't even realize what I was doing. I didn't know there was a name for it.

When did you realize you had a problem?

I tried to stop (purging) on my own my senior year in high school, but I was so conditioned that I couldn't stop myself. That made me very scared. I was aware that I was sick. I started researching it and figured out what was going on. That's when I talked to my parents, but they didn't get it and they didn't understand what they needed to do to help me. That was 13 years ago. Now we know you have to get help, treatment right away. We didn't know that back then.

What was your treatment? My parents took me to our family doctor who put us in touch with several experts who became my treatment team: a psychiatrist, a therapist, a nutritionist and the family doctor. I saw someone several times a week. I stuck to it because I wanted to be well enough to go to college. In hindsight, I should have entered an in-patient treatment program, but it wasn't offered to me as an option at the time. My recovery may have come sooner.

What was recovery like? It was a hell of a battle, one of the most challenging things I've ever done in my life. □

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# Joining the party, not crashing it

By **CLAIRE CAIN MILLER**

Lisa Cericola, 31, a food editor and blogger, recently held a party at her home in Brooklyn, with grilled steak and chimichurri on the table and the Red Hot Chili Peppers on the iPod. See whether you can answer a series of popular mobile Google queries — without reaching for your phone. Soon, a debate broke out. Was the singer saying, "With burned shed it's a lovely view?" Or "With blood I shed alone with you?" Like most people these days, Ms. Cericola knew what to do. She grabbed her BlackBerry and Googled. (The answer, from the song "Scar Tissue": "With the birds I'll share this lonely view.")

"Looking up something really fast actually adds to the conversation," Ms. Cericola said.

But if Ms. Cericola was content with how quickly she ended the debate, Google and other technology companies are not. They know they are the uninvited guests at social gatherings everywhere, and they want to ingratiate themselves with the hosts by figuring out new, less intrusive ways to join the party — as varied as voice search, Internet-connected glasses and other wearable computers, or dining room tables outfitted with screens.

Googling the answer to a question has become accepted social behavior, but "it's still somewhat awkward when you see that at a dinner party," said Amit Singhal, senior vice president in charge of search at the company. "The key to the future is how can you make such conversations socially even more nor-

mal."

Mr. Singhal is talking about what computer scientists call ubiquitous computing or intelligence augmentation — the idea that computers will no longer be devices we turn on, but so integrated into our everyday environment that we can ask them to do things without ever lifting a finger. "It's not just a question of having screens everywhere or wearing a screen, but also this whole idea of phones and devices becoming more context-aware, so they can offer information that is highly relevant," said Pattie Maes, founder and director of the M.I.T. Media Lab fluid interfaces group, which studies how to integrate digital information into daily life.

If people are discussing the migratory patterns of monarch butterflies over dinner, for instance, phones will be able to hear that and present a map, she said. Or when you meet someone, your glasses could show you the person's LinkedIn profile and your last e-mail exchange.

"It's the integration of the digital and physical worlds so no longer are they two relatively separate spheres where you have to make the connection between them," Ms. Maes said.

Many tech companies are trying to integrate the two worlds. In Apple's new iPhone, Siri, the voice-activated assistant, can answer questions about current movies, sports and restaurants.

Microsoft is experimenting with computers that understand gestures and voice, like gloves with sensors, Bing voice search on the Xbox and gesture recognition on the Kinect. I.B.M. is

teaching machines to learn and interact with people, including in hospitals. But Google is at the forefront, with vast research about what kinds of questions people want answered — and when.

Google says its internal logs reveal that mobile searches spike during mealtimes, when people are away from their computers but still want information immediately. And people ask more questions about trivia — "How tall is the Statue of Liberty" (answer: 305 feet) and "How old is the earth" (4.54 billion years) — on mobile devices than on computers.

To make these searches easier, last month, Google introduced mobile search apps for Android phones and iPhones that let people ask questions aloud and listen to Google answer in a vaguely robotic woman's voice. The idea is that people do not have to excuse themselves from conversation to type a query, and everyone can hear the answer, as if Google were another guest.

In May, Google introduced fact cards to answer trivia-type queries; these are answers on the search results page, so people do not have to click on a link, wait for a Web page to load and further delay the conversation. Say you urgently need to know Ryan Gosling's net worth. Search on your phone and above the links to search results, Google tells you. (It is \$50 million.)

Google Glass, eyeglass frames that let people use the Web on a tiny screen near their temples, are not yet for sale but will let people find answers without reaching into their pock-

ets. So will other wearable computers that Google plans to experiment with, like watches.

The company is also studying screens that could be built into kitchen walls or dining room tables, to make Google a constant companion that everyone in the room could talk to.

"If we take it to the next step, which we're excited about, Google and the information I need is right here in the room with me," said Scott Huffman, the engineering director in charge of mobile search at Google. "As we're talking, we just say, 'Hey, Google, blah blah blah,' and it comes up on a screen or tells you the answer."

That does not excite everyone. "It sounds like a horrible dystopian nightmare," said Helena Echlin, who wrote the Table Manners etiquette column at Chow, the food site. Still, Ms. Echlin says she may change her tune when everyone is wearing computers on their faces. □



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# Bernanke: Fed policies to help emerging markets

**MARTIN CRUTSINGER**  
AP Economics Writer

Chairman Ben Bernanke is rejecting arguments that the Federal Reserve's bold moves to bolster U.S. job growth could have unwanted consequences in emerging market countries.

In a speech Sunday, Bernanke disagreed with criticism that the Fed's efforts to drive U.S. interest rates lower could result in higher inflation in emerging markets or trigger a destabilizing flood of investment money into those nations.

In fact, he said, the efforts of the Fed and the central banks of other industrial countries should benefit the global economy by boosting growth and providing stronger markets for the goods of developing nations.

Bernanke's speech in Tokyo was at a conference sponsored by the Bank of Japan and the International Monetary Fund.

At its September meeting, the Fed announced it was

launching a program to buy \$40 billion each month in mortgage-backed securities as a way to drive interest rates lower and

U.S. economy begins growing at a stronger pace. That effort will continue until it sees substantial gains in the U.S. job market, the Fed said.



U.S. Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner, right, sits with U.S. Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke, left, during the U.S. India Economic and Financial Partnership meeting with Indian Finance Minister Palaniappan Chidambaram, unseen, in New Delhi, India. (AP Photo/ Manish Swarup)

give a boost to the housing market. Increased home sales could help spur hiring and accelerate economic growth.

The Fed also extended its time frame for keeping rates low to at least mid-2015 and said rates would remain low even after the

In his speech Sunday, Bernanke said the Fed's effort "not only helps strengthen the U.S. economic recovery, but by boosting U.S. spending and growth, it has the effect of helping support the global economy as well." Some foreign officials have been critical of the Fed's

policy, arguing that extraordinarily low U.S. interest rates will end up giving the United States trade advantages by weakening the value of the U.S. dollar. A cheaper dollar makes U.S. goods less expensive in other countries. But Bernanke said that the dollar's value against the currencies of emerging market economies has changed little during the Fed's prolonged period of credit easing in the United States. Bernanke also disputed criticism that low interest rates in the United States and other industrial nations were contributing to destabilizing investment flows to emerging economies that could make inflation worse in those nations. He said he doesn't believe that interest-rate policies at the Fed and other developed nations necessarily dictate capital flows. And Bernanke said there are a number of ways that developing nations can control these investment flows to pre-

vent asset bubbles or higher inflation. For instance, a nation could allow the value of its currency to rise as foreign capital flows in. But Bernanke said that some emerging market economies have chosen to keep the value of their currencies low to gain trade advantages. He didn't name any country in his speech, but U.S. manufacturers contend that China is manipulating its currency to keep its value low against the dollar to boost its exports and make American goods more expensive in China.

Bernanke said, "The perceived advantages of undervaluation and the problem of unwanted capital inflows must be understood as a package — you can't have one without the other." The Fed isn't expected to announce any major moves when it next meets on Oct. 23-24. Most analysts believe the central bank prefers to wait and monitor the impact of the September actions. □

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# China exports rise, hinting at a glimmer of revival

**KEITH BRADSHAW**

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**HONG KONG** – China's exports to the United States and Southeast Asia rose last month while the country's money supply expanded faster than expected, Chinese government agencies said Saturday, in the first signs that the Chinese economy might be starting to bottom out. But strengthening exports to the U.S. – up 5.5 percent in September compared with the same month a year ago – could also increase trade frictions at a politically touchy time for both countries. Mitt Romney, the Republican presidential nominee, and President Barack Obama have competed this autumn to present themselves as more willing to confront China on trade issues.

China's own Communist



**A street beggar eats food given by a pedestrian outside a restaurant where a couple dines inside, in Beijing Sunday, Oct. 14, 2012. China's exports to the United States and Southeast Asia rose last month while the country's money supply expanded faster than expected, Chinese government agencies said Saturday, in the first signs that the Chinese economy might be starting to bottom out.**

(AP Photo/Andy Wong)

Party leadership has been wary of appearing too conciliatory toward the United States ahead of its Party Congress, which starts two days after the U.S. presidential election

on Nov. 6 and is expected to produce a new slate of members of the ruling Standing Committee of the Politburo. After months of gloom, Chinese exporters are starting to voice hope

about demand in the United States.

"We are beginning to see some improvement in the U.S. market – the second half of this year is looking better than the first half, with our U.S. orders up by roughly 8 to 10 percent," said Dora Zhao, the sales manager at the Zhuhai Xiangrui Safety Home Appliance Co., which manufactures air purifiers in Zhuhai, in southeastern China. Rising imports often coincide with a strengthening economy, as more prosperous and confident consumers buy more foreign goods. By that measure, the United States economy may be faring better, but the European Union is struggling – China's ex-

ports to Europe dropped 10.7 percent last month from a year ago. Strong Chinese exports to the U.S. in September also tend to be a sign that U.S. retailers expect fairly robust sales at Christmas, as goods for late autumn sales tend to leave Chinese docks in September and October. China has exported more to the United States than to the European Union every month since February, and September showed the biggest gap yet between the two markets, data from China's General Administration of Customs showed. By contrast, the EU had bought more Chinese goods than the U.S. every month for the preceding 4 1/2 years. □

## This Week's Economic Reports

### ECONOMIC REPORTS

Data to be released include retail sales for September and business inventories for August (Monday); the Consumer Price Index for September and industrial production for September (Tuesday); housing starts for September (Wednesday); weekly jobless claims, the Philadelphia Fed index for October and leading economic indicators for September (Thursday); and existing home sales for September (Friday).

### CORPORATE EARNINGS

Companies scheduled to release quarterly earnings reports include Citigroup, Gannett and Charles Schwab (Monday); Coca-Cola, Goldman Sachs, Johnson & Johnson, Mattel, State Street, UnitedHealth,

IBM and Intel (Tuesday); Abbott Laboratories, Bank of America, Bank of New York Mellon, BlackRock, Halliburton, PepsiCo, U.S. Bancorp, American Express and eBay (Wednesday); Blackstone, Boston Scientific, Morgan Stanley, Nokia, Southwest Airlines, Verizon Communications, Advanced Micro Devices, E(AST)Trade Financial, Google and Microsoft (Thursday); and General Electric, Honeywell, McDonald's and Schlumberger (Friday).

### IN THE UNITED STATES

On Tuesday, News Corp. will have its annual meeting in Los Angeles. On Wednesday, Gilbert Lopez and Mark Kuhrt, the last defendants facing charges stemming from the collapse of

Allen Stanford's bank, face a jury trial in Houston.

### OVERSEAS

On Monday, the Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Science will be awarded.

On Wednesday, Paul Volcker, the former Federal Reserve chairman, will testify before a British Parliamentary commission about banking, and China reports third-quarter gross domestic product.

On Thursday, European Union leaders begin a two-day meeting on the eurozone debt crisis.

On Friday, an International Trade Commission judge will release his findings in a patent-infringement case between Apple and Samsung concerning the design of the iPhone, its user interface and headset plugs. □

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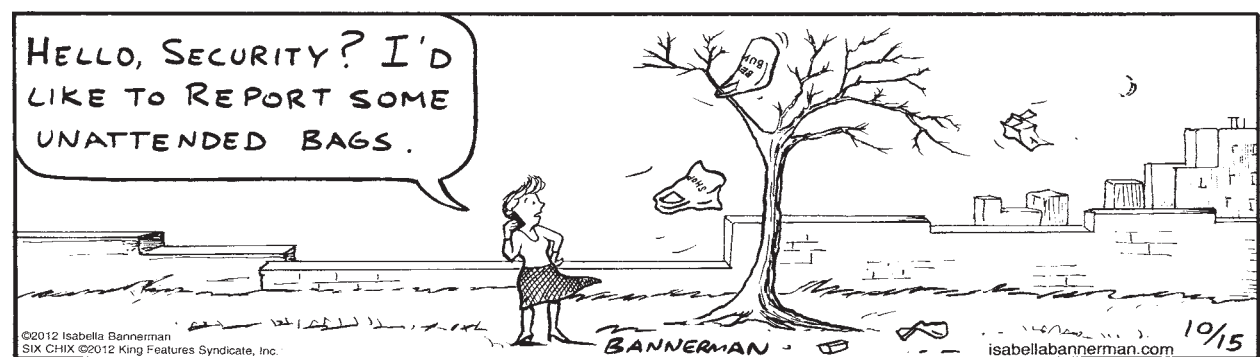
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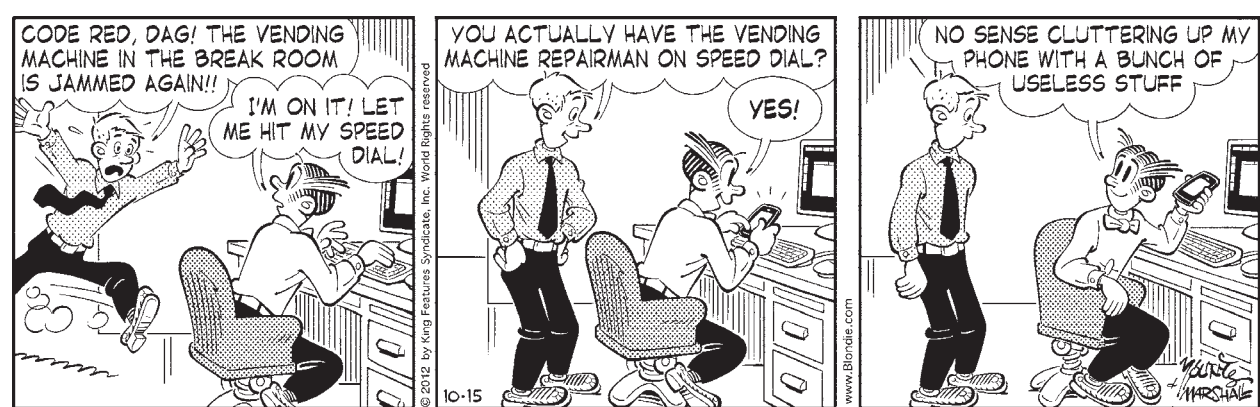
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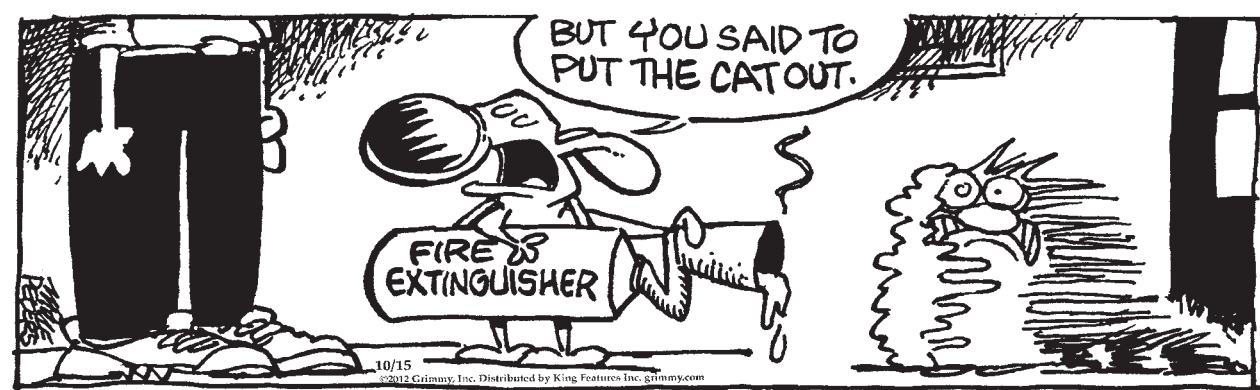
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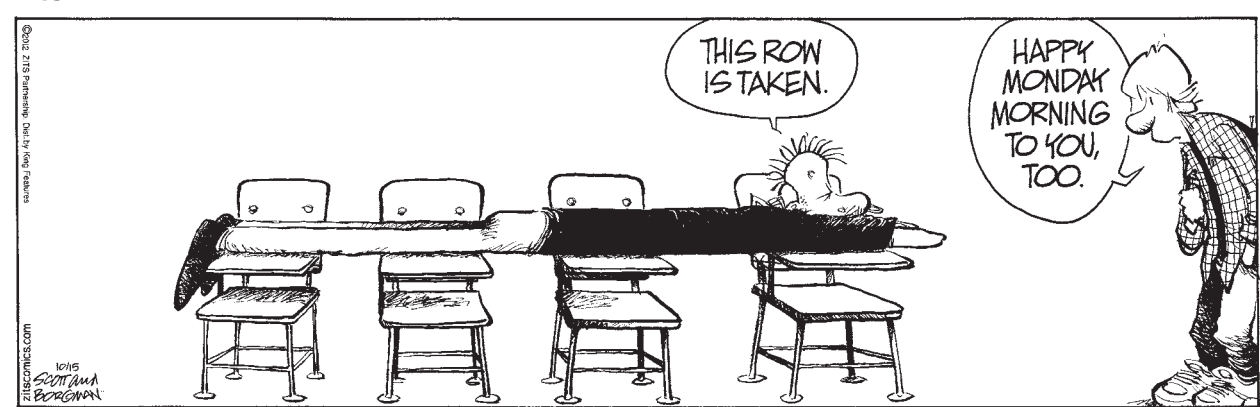
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## Conceptis Sudoku

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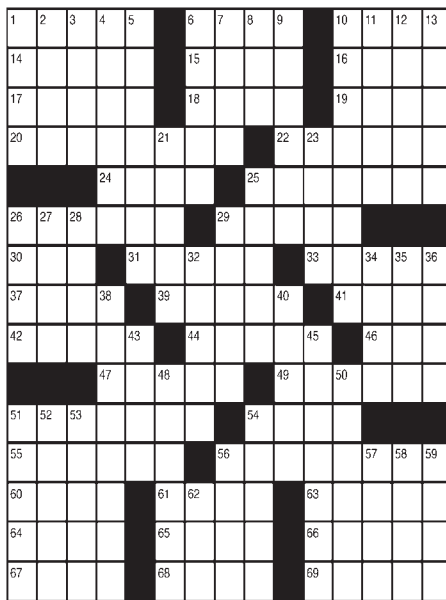
Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Saturday's puzzle answer

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- Explode
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- Skating rink shape
- Dunne or Ryan
- Loose garment of old Rome
- Contact with a beeper
- Once more
- Alma mater for Prince William
- Entreaty
- Identical
- From the \_\_\_ up; thoroughly
- Desert fruits
- Jupiter, Mars, Saturn, etc.
- \_\_\_ City; capital of Nevada
- Military attack
- Have debts
- Neighbor of India
- Foreign ambassador
- Profound
- TV's Morley \_\_\_
- Laundry detergent brand
- Speak without preparation
- Chavez or Romero
- Swindle; trick
- Suffers defeat
- Parking \_\_\_; coin-operated curb machines
- Swamp
- Shadowbox
- Fly a plane
- Send off, as a messenger
- Orangey drink
- Irish girl's name
- Boise's state
- On \_\_\_; jittery
- Marathon
- Connection; link
- Rex or Donna
- Gush forth
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## Saturday's Puzzle Solved

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# The psychological toll paid in a special needs house

RON LIEBER

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Most people caring for a family member with special needs eventually assemble a financial checklist of sorts. They put together a team of health, legal and financial experts who understand their family member's condition. Then comes the estate plan and making sure they understand the eligibility rules for any state or federal benefits.

Checking these items off, however, as I did in a column last week, often proves to be the easier part of special needs planning. The harder part springs from two challenges that are ultimately rooted in emotion and behavior. It's the psychological side, after all, that often plays a big role in just about every major financial decision.

The first is the question of where a special needs child or sibling should live. The second is not letting the stress of managing the affairs of a special needs family member contribute to the end of a marriage or other long-term romantic partnership. When Alice Walther's son was small and experiencing developmental delays, she and her husband took him to a major children's hospital in the St. Louis area. A top doctor there told them that he was severely retarded. "He said to put him in a home, that it will ruin your family," she recalled.

Her son Sean is now 43 and he never left his family's home. He works part time at a library and pursues his passion for golf in his spare time, watching tournaments on television and maintaining a collection of scorecards from all over the world that is so large it takes up three bookshelves. "He's gotten so used to his own room and his own bathroom that he wouldn't fit into a group home, quite honestly," Walther said.

Mary Anne Ehler, a financial planner in Lincolnshire, Ill., who specializes in advising people with family members who have special needs, has heard ver-



**Matt Syverson with his daughter, Lily, 5, who has Down syndrome, at the New Horizon Ranch in Rantoul, Kan., Oct. 11, 2012. Managing the affairs of a special needs child or sibling may present issues that can divide a family and raise the fear of divorce.**

(Steve Hebert/The New York Times)

sions of this before. Her own late sister, who had cerebral palsy, lived with her parents as an adult before her parents finally decided to have her move out.

"You want to keep them totally in a bubble," she said. "But it's not in their best interest, and it's not what they want. The problem is, if the parents die, then what?"

Walther's other son Michael, a financial planner himself, has thought through every angle of his younger brother's situation.

He sees things as Ehler does and thinks his brother should move out of his parents' home sooner rather than later.

"Change is not something he does well with," he said. "If we were to introduce it at the same time as the loss of a parent, that's going to be an awful lot to swallow." Their parents have a plan for this. "The minute one of us goes, the two who are left will move into assisted living," Alice Walther said. They're building a financial war chest for that moment,

in part by living in the same house they have been in for 45 years.

Once Sean's other parent dies or is close to death, Mike Walther plans to move his brother to the Chicago area where he lives. He's made peace, more or less, with his parents' decision about where Sean will do best in the meantime.

"They're going to win this argument while they're alive," he said. "And I'm going to win it when they're dead."

The elder Walthers will celebrate their 49th wedding anniversary next month, but not every couple is so lucky. Just how many couples never make it that long while caring for a family member with special needs is a bit uncertain, though. Families I've spoken to in the last two weeks have repeated a statistic that about 75 percent of parents with a special needs child end up getting divorced or splitting up.

There does not seem to be any data backing this up, but it's clear why people may fear the financial consequences of a divorce in a family that is caring for a child or live-in relative with special needs. □

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# Court orders Kafka scripts moved to Israel library

**LAUREN E. BOHN**

**JERUSALEM (AP)** — After a long, tangled journey that Franz Kafka could have written about himself, an unseen treasure of writings by the surrealist author will be put on display and later online, an Israeli court ruled in documents released Sunday. Ownership of the papers had been in dispute after the Israeli National Library claimed them, over the wishes of two sisters who had inherited the vast collection of rare documents from their mother and insisted on keeping them.

Friday's ruling by the Tel Aviv District Family Court ordered the collection to be transferred to the library in Jerusalem, which had argued that Max Brod, Kafka's close friend, had bequeathed the manuscripts to the library in his will.

The two sisters, Eva Hoffe

and Ruth Wiesler, had inherited the documents from their mother, Brod's secretary, and had been storing them in a Tel Aviv apartment and bank vaults.

Kafka, a Jewish Prague native who wrote in German, is known for his dark tales of everyman protagonists crushed by mysterious authorities or twisted by unknown shames. His works have become classics, like "The Metamorphosis," in which a salesman wakes up transformed into a giant insect, and "The Trial," where a bank clerk is put through an excruciating trial without ever being told the charges against him.

The trove is said to include Brod's personal diary and some of Kafka's writings, including correspondence the two kept with other notable writers, which could shed new light on one of literature's most influential

figures.

The German Literary Archive was not part of the legal proceedings but had backed the sisters' claims, hoping to purchase the manuscripts and arguing that they belong in Germany. Ulrich Raulff, who heads the archive, said the papers have drawn great interest because they will likely reveal much about the years in Kafka's life that the public knows very little about. "I hope that the Israeli National Library will provide open access to the material for the public as soon as possible," he said. "Researchers have been waiting for the material with excitement for years already." Kafka gave his writings to Brod shortly before his own death from tuberculosis in 1924, instructing his friend to burn everything unread. But Brod instead published most of

the material, including the novels "The Trial," "The Castle" and "Amerika."

Aviad Stollman, Judaica Collections Curator at the National Library, said that the majority of the manuscripts are by Brod not Kafka, but that they contained tremendous research and sentimental value.

"For decades these manuscripts were hidden and now we can display and preserve them under proper conditions," he told Israel's Channel 2 TV. "There are 40 thousand pages, a tremendous amount," he added. "Whoever loves Kafka will be able to see his signature and notes and crossings outs ... We hope the material will be on the library's website soon."

Despite the ruling, Hoffe will be entitled for royalties from any future publication of the documents.

Professor Otto Dov Kulka,



Undated handout file photo of author Franz Kafka. Associated Press

a self-described Kafkaphile and retired professor of history at Israel's Hebrew University, supported the court decision. "The National library has taken care of Einstein's theory of relativity, and we will now take care of the great works of Kafka," he said. □

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# Taken 2' takes down 'Argo' in close weekend

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**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Liam Neeson's "Taken 2" has defended its box-office title with a narrow win over Ben Affleck's "Argo."

Sunday studio estimates put 20th Century Fox's action sequel "Taken 2" at No. 1 with \$22.5 million in its second weekend. "Taken 2" raised its domestic total to \$86.8 million.

Affleck's "Argo," an Iranian hostage thriller from Warner Bros., opened in second-place with \$20.1 million.

Ethan Hawke's "Sinister," about a true-crime writer caught up in supernatural horror, debuted at No. 3 with \$18.3 million. The movie was released by Lionsgate's Summit Entertainment banner.

Sony's "Here Comes the Boom," with Kevin James as a teacher who becomes a mixed martial arts sensation, started weakly at No. 5 with \$12 million.

The weekend's other new wide release, CBS Films' crime comedy "Seven Psychopaths," also opened to small crowds, taking in \$4.3 million to finish at No. 9. The movie's ensemble cast includes Colin Farrell, Sam Rockwell, Christopher Walken and Woody Harrelson. The follow-up to "Taken," the hit that established dramatic star Neeson as an action hero, "Taken 2" was dinged by critics who called it a replay of the original. The sequel has



This image released by 20th Century Fox shows Liam Neeson in a scene from "Taken 2."

Associated Press

Neeson's ex-CIA tough guy up against a gang of Albanian goons out for revenge for their kin that he killed in the first movie.

"It kind of proves that reviews do not matter," said Paul Dergarabedian, an analyst for box-office tracker Hollywood.com. "Audiences just continue to eat this up. They just love Liam Neeson in this role."

"Argo" may prove the opposite, using its great reviews and Academy Awards buzz to settle in for a long stay at the box office. Affleck directed and starred in the real-life story about a CIA operative who

concocts a plan to rescue six Americans hiding in Tehran after the 1979 U.S. embassy takeover by disguising them as members of a fake movie crew.

Revenues on the film ticked up a whopping 47 percent from opening day Friday to Saturday, a sign that audiences were talking it up exuberantly to friends.

"This is a really good indication of how quickly word of mouth can spread," said Dan Fellman, head of distribution at Warner Bros. "The critical acclaim in this case is going to translate into commercial success."

"Argo" played almost entirely to older crowds that do not necessarily rush out to see movies over opening weekend but often check out well-reviewed films in subsequent weeks.

Lionsgate was happy to come in third with "Sinister," "especially given most people's projections on the film were in the low teens at best," said David Spitz, head of distribution. "It's always nice to come in and over-perform everybody's expectations."

Hollywood's business continues to grow as it heads into the busy holiday season. Overall domestic revenues came in at \$132 million, up 51 percent from the same weekend last year, when "Real Steel" led with \$16.3 million. □

## 'SNL' parodies VP debate with help from Usain Bolt

**NEW YORK (AP)** — "Saturday Night Live" parodied the vice presidential debate with a little help from the world's fastest man.

Jamaican sprinter Usain Bolt dropped by the NBC sketch show's mock debate after Taran Killam, playing Mitt Romney's running mate, Paul Ryan, claimed he won the 100-meter race at the London Olympics.

Ryan has been criticized for exaggerating his marathon time.

"SNL" had fun with the

vice presidential candidates following Thursday's contentious debate. While President Barack Obama and Romney's first debate didn't offer as much obvious satire, the show happily skewered Vice President Joe Biden and Ryan.

Jason Sudeikis, as Biden, called himself "Big Daddy Joe" and insisted he was "monkey strong" unlike his younger foe, whom he referred to as "shark eyes." Killam played Ryan with an Eddie Munster-like widow's peak. □



This Aug. 1982 file photo shows Gary Collins. Gary Collins, an actor, television show host and former master of ceremonies for the Miss America Pageant, died Saturday, Oct. 13, 2012 in Biloxi, Miss.

Associated Press

**BILOXI, Mississippi (AP)** — Gary Collins, an actor, television show host and former master of ceremonies for the Miss America Pageant, died Saturday, authorities said. He was 74. Collins, a resident of Biloxi, Mississippi, died of natural causes just before 1 a.m.

## Actor, TV host Gary Collins dies at 74

Saturday after he was admitted Friday evening to Biloxi Regional Medical Center, according to Harrison County Coroner Gary Hargrove.

During the 1980s, Collins hosted the Miss America beauty pageant and the television shows "Hour Magazine" — for which he won a Daytime Emmy in 1983 — and "The Home Show."

As an actor, he appeared in numerous movies and was a fixture on television in the 1960s and 1970s, playing a variety of guest roles in dramas and comedies, including "Perry Mason," "The Love Boat" and "Ironside," among others. He also starred in regular series including "The Wackiest Ship in the Army" and "The Iron Horse" in the 1960s and the "The Sixth Sense" in the 1970s.

He kept acting for de-

cades, appearing as late as 2009 in an episode of the TV show "Dirty Sexy Money."

Collins was married to former Miss America and Mississippi native Mary Ann Mobley.

Best known as a handsome and amiable on-air personality, his public image suffered at times because of run-ins with the law.

In 2009, he pleaded guilty in Santa Barbara, California, to misdemeanor driving under the influence — his third offense. In 2010, he was fined \$500 in Jackson, Mississippi, for leaving the scene of a traffic accident. Last year, a Harrison County judge dismissed charges against Collins for allegedly leaving a Biloxi restaurant without paying his bill. Dismissal came after a restaurant employee asked to withdraw his complaint in the case. □



## Veeps Go Yeep! Nation Nods



**GAIL COLLINS**  
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OK. Forget everything that's happened so far. Now it's all about the next debate.

Obama versus Romney on Tuesday! That will be far more important than the conventions. Or the first debate, which President Barack Obama sort of lost, in a game-changing moment that we are now prepared to completely forget because it's all about the next debate.

Which will be so far more important than the vice-presidential debate that we can hardly bear to mention them in the same paragraph.

Although that thing Thursday was pretty cool. Paul Ryan's eyes! Joe Biden's teeth! Paul Ryan's water intake! Can that man hydrate or what?

The big question seems to be whether Biden was too aggressive or just right. It's true that the vice president interrupted a lot, but, really, he spent the entire run-up week listening to Democrats beg him not to be passive. It's a wonder he didn't run onto the stage and instantly bite Ryan on the ankle.

You think Biden was too feisty? The 2012 record for debate aggression was actually set Thursday night in California, when a uniformed officer broke up a spirited encounter between Reps. Brad Sherman and Howard Berman, who had begun yelling and poking at each other rather vigorously. Perhaps Sherman and Berman were irritated because they are both incumbent Democrats, thrown together by redistricting and California's new nonpartisan election rules. Or perhaps they're just ticked off because their names rhyme. During one high point, Sherman grabbed Berman and shouted: "Do you want to get into this?"

I think I speak for all of America when I say nothing that interesting happened with the vice-presidential candidates.

The very fact that we have vice-presidential debates at all is kind of amazing, since for most of American history nobody thought they were worth mentioning, let alone listening to. Vice President John Nance Garner said his job wasn't worth a bucket of warm spit, and, by that point, Garner had become so unimportant that nobody remembered whether he actually said "bucket of warm spit" or "pitcher of warm spit" or a container of something else

entirely. Scholarly papers have been written on this mystery.

Quite a few of the vice presidents were men of considerable achievement, for all the good it did them. Calvin Coolidge's vice president, Charles Dawes, was a winner of the Nobel Peace Prize who also composed the music that became the song "It's All in the Game." Does this change your opinion of Calvin Coolidge? No? See, that's my point.

On the other side, there were vice presidents like Schuyler Colfax, who was chosen by Ulysses Grant, then tossed out after the first term because he had been implicated in one of multitudinous corruption scandals going around town. Colfax quit politics and became a popular public speaker until, as one book of White House biographies reports, he died suddenly "after changing trains in subzero weather during a lecture tour of Minnesota."

I have often envisioned myself coming to the same end, except that it would involve JetBlue.

The new vice-presidential era began with Bill Clinton, who actually gave Al Gore some stuff to do. Then George W. Bush put Dick Cheney in charge of energy, and foreign policy, and so very many other things that the president had all the time in the world to work out in the gym, watch football with his dog and chop down foliage.

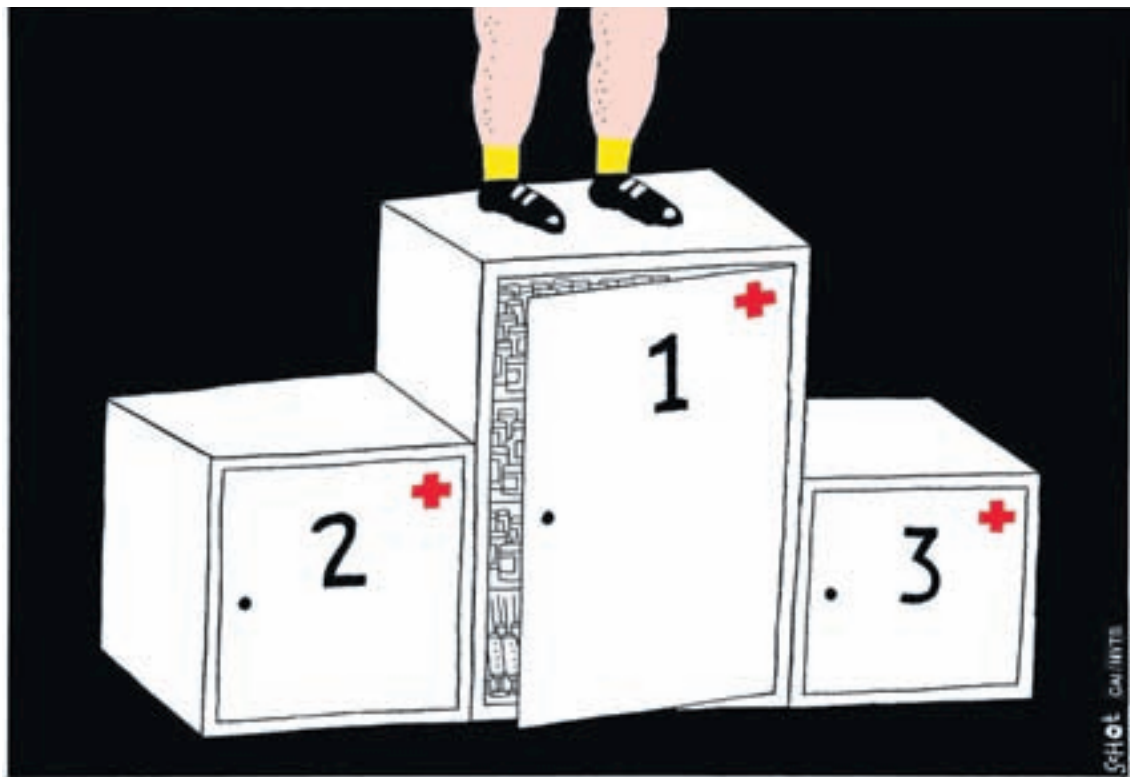
Vice-presidential debates actually go back to 1976, when the world saw a clash between Bob Dole and Walter Mondale that was so riveting that no one now even remembers who they were running with. It's just that once they're over, we don't talk all that much about what happened.

The most quoted line from Thursday's debate in Danville, Ky., may have come when Ryan attempted to defend the theory that if you cut taxes, economic growth will make up for lost revenue. When Ryan said it had worked in the Kennedy administration, Biden retorted: "Oh, now you're Jack Kennedy."

Zap! Biden was referring, of course, to the time when Dan Quayle compared himself to Kennedy and Lloyd Bentsen came back with the "Senator, you're no Jack Kennedy" line. This turned out to be the most famous vice-presidential debate zinger in history. And a lot of good it did Michael Dukakis.

Like most unremarkable debates, Biden-Ryan wound up being pretty much in the eye of the beholder. The Democratic base felt empowered because Joe Biden brought up Mitt Romney's 47 percent line, and he said "That didn't happen!" or "No, no no ..." a lot.

The Republicans thought Biden made a spectacle of himself. Sarah Palin claimed he reminded her "of watching a musk ox run across the tundra with somebody underfoot." I am only telling you this because I am still trying to imagine what that would look like. Also to point out that there are exceptions to the rule about how America now takes the vice presidency seriously. □



## The Mystery Of Benghazi



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Twenty-four hours after the U.S. compound in Benghazi was attacked and our ambassador murdered, the tragedy seemed more likely to help President Barack Obama's re-election campaign than to damage it.

The White House already enjoyed more public credibility on foreign policy than on almost any other issue. When Mitt Romney reacted to the attack with a partisan broadside, portraying a news release sent out by the Cairo embassy before any violence began as a White House apology to the attackers, the president's path forward seemed clear. He would be disciplined and careful, show anger and steel but also coolness under pressure, and let the rally-round-the-flag effect do its natural work.

What happened instead was very strange. Having first repudiated the embassy's apology to Muslims offended by a movie impugning their prophet, the Obama administration decided to embrace that apology's premise, and insist that the movie was the crucial ingredient in the Sept. 11 anniversary violence.

For days after the attack, as it became clearer that the Benghazi violence was an al-Qaida operation rather than a protest, White House officials continued to stress the importance of the "hateful" and "disgusting" video, and its supposed role as a catalyst for what Susan Rice, the ambassador to the United Nations, insisted was a spontaneous attack.

This narrative was pushed on Sunday morning programs, on late-night talk shows and at news conferences, by everyone from Rice to Hillary Clinton to the president himself. When Obama spoke at the United Nations shortly after the attacks, the video was referenced six times in the text; al-Qaida was referenced only once.

Eventually, the White House let the video slip quietly out of its public rhetoric, and refocused on terrorism instead. But everything else that's come out about Benghazi has seemed much more damning because the administration practiced a strange denial at the outset. The missed warnings, the weaknesses in security, the drip-drip of detail unspigoted by reporting and congressional hearings — all of it would have been received differently if the White House hadn't spent a week acting as if it had something big to lose by calling terrorism terrorism.

What explains this self-defeating strategy? One possibility is that Romney's oft-repeated "apology tour" charge is right, and this White House can't resist the urge to appease our enemies when America comes under attack. But Romney's portrait of Obama as Neville Chamberlain has always been just a caricature, and nobody who watched the Democratic convention should doubt Obama's comfort wrapping himself in the mantle of the war on terror.

Another, more plausible possibility is that precisely because this White House wants to be seen as tough on terrorism, it's loath to acknowledge the possibility that it doesn't have al-Qaida completely on the run.

But even this seems insufficient to explain the White House's Benghazi blundering. Surely acknowledging the persistence of al-Qaida wouldn't undercut the administration's (justifiable) boasts about having taken out its leader. Indeed, if Osama bin Laden's organization is still with us, why wouldn't Americans want to keep the president who gave the Ab-

bottabad order so he could finish the job?

Perhaps, then, the real explanation for the White House's anxiety about calling the embassy attack an act of terror has less to do with the "who" than with the "where." This wasn't al-Qaida striking just anywhere: It was al-Qaida striking in Libya, a country where the Obama White House launched a not-precisely-constitutional military intervention with a not-precisely-clear connection to the national interest.

In a long profile of Obama published last month by Vanity Fair, Michael Lewis suggested that the president feared the consequences of even a single casualty during the Libyan incursion, lest it create a narrative about how "a president elected to extract us from a war in one Arab country got Americans killed in another."

How much more, then, might the president fear a narrative about how our Libyan intervention helped create a power vacuum in which terrorists groups can operate with impunity? That's clearly happened in nearby Mali, where the ripple effects from Moammar Gadhafi's overthrow have helped empower an al-Qaida affiliate. In this context, it's easy to see why the administration would hope that the Benghazi attack were just spontaneous mob violence rather than a sign of al-Qaida's growing presence in postintervention Libya as well.

The only good news for Obama in this mess is the fact that Romney, always intent on projecting toughness, hasn't attacked the original decision to go to war in Libya, or tied the intervention itself to al-Qaida's North African advances. If the Republican nominee were less reflexively hawkish, the White House might be facing the more comprehensive critique that it deserves — and the story wouldn't be about just the specifics of Benghazi, but also the possibility that Obama's entire policy in the region has put American interests and lives at risk. □



# Campaigns mine personal lives to get out vote

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Strategists affiliated with the campaigns of President Barack Obama and Mitt Romney say they have access to information about the personal lives of voters at a scale never before imagined. And they are using that data to try to influence voting habits – in effect, to train voters to go to the polls through subtle cues, rewards and threats in a manner akin to the marketing efforts of credit card companies and big-box retailers.

In the weeks before Election Day, millions of voters will hear from callers with surprisingly detailed knowledge of their lives. These callers – friends of friends or long-lost work colleagues – will identify themselves as volunteers for the campaigns or independent political groups.

The callers will be guided by scripts and call lists compiled by people – or computers – with access to details like whether voters may have visited pornography websites, have homes in foreclosure, are more prone to drink Michelob Ultra than Corona, or have gay friends or enjoy expensive vacations.

The callers are likely to ask detailed question about how the voters plan to spend Election Day, according to professionals with both presidential campaigns. What time will they vote? What route will they drive to the polls? Simply asking such questions, experiments show, is likely to increase turnout.

After these conversations, when those targeted voters open their mailboxes or check their Facebook profiles, they may find that someone has divulged specifics about how frequently they and their neighbors have voted in the past. Calling out people for not voting, what experts term “public shaming,” can prod someone to cast a ballot.

Even as campaigns embrace this ability to know so much more about vot-

ers, they recognize the risks associated with intruding into the lives of people who have long expected that the privacy of the voting booth extends to their homes.

“You don’t want your analytical efforts to be obvious because voters

tendencies, interest in get-rich-quick schemes, dating preferences and financial problems. The campaigns themselves, according to campaign employees, have examined voters’ on-line exchanges and social networks to see what they care about and whom

the super PACs are anonymous. They don’t have to put anything on the flier to let the voter know who to blame.”

While the campaigns say they do not buy data that they consider intrusive, the Democratic and Republican National Committees

Samuel Adams beer, eat at Olive Garden and watch college football.

The preoccupation with influencing voters’ habits stems from the fact that many close elections were ultimately decided by people who almost did not vote. Each campaign has identified millions of “low-propensity voters.”

Persuading such voters is difficult, political professionals say, because direct appeals have already failed. So campaigns must enlist more subtle methods. In particular, according to campaign officials from both parties, two tactics will be employed this year for the first time in a widespread manner.

The first builds upon research into the power of social habits.

The Obama and Romney campaigns, as well as affiliated groups, have asked their supporters to provide access to their profiles on Facebook and other social networks to chart connections to low-propensity voters in battleground states like Colorado, North Carolina and Ohio.

When one union volunteer in Ohio recently visited the AFL-CIO’s election website, for instance, she was asked to log on with her Facebook profile. Computers quickly crawled through her list of friends, compared it to voter data files and suggested a work colleague to contact in Columbus. She had never spoken to the suggested person about politics, and he told her that he did not usually vote because he did not see the point.

“We talked about how if you don’t vote, you’re letting other people make choices for you,” said the union volunteer, Nicole Rigano, a grocery store employee. “He said he had never thought about it like that, and he’s going to vote this year. It made a big difference to know ahead of time what we have in common. It’s natural to trust someone when you already have a connection to them.” □



**Nicole Rigano, left, who contacted a co-worker to urge him to vote after a computer sifted through her Facebook contacts, with Jason Kaseman, at the United Food and Commercial Workers Local 1059 union building in Columbus, Ohio, Oct. 13, 2012. Strategists affiliated with the Obama and Romney campaigns say they have access to information about the personal lives of voters at a scale never before imagined.**

(Ian C. Bates/The New York Times)

get creeped out,” said a Romney campaign official who was not authorized to speak to a reporter. “A lot of what we’re doing is behind the scenes.”

In statements, both campaigns emphasized their dedication to voters’ privacy.

“We are committed to protecting individual privacy at every turn – adhering to industry best practices on privacy and going above and beyond what’s required by law,” said Adam Fetcher, an Obama campaign spokesman.

Ryan Williams, a spokesman for the Romney campaign, said: “The Romney campaign respects the privacy rights of all Americans. We are committed to ensuring that all of our voter outreach is governed by the highest ethical standards.”

In interviews, however, consultants to both campaigns said they had bought demographic data from companies that study details like voters’ shopping histories, gambling

they know. They have also authorized tests to see if, say, a phone call from a distant cousin or a new friend would be more likely to prompt the urge to cast a ballot.

The campaigns have planted software known as cookies on voters’ computers to see if they frequent evangelical or erotic websites for clues to their moral perspectives.

Voters who visit religious websites might be greeted with religion-friendly messages when they return to mittromney.com or barackobama.com. The campaigns’ consultants have run experiments to determine if embarrassing someone for not voting by sending letters to their neighbors or posting their voting histories online is effective.

“I’ve had half-a-dozen conversations with third parties who are wondering if this is the year to start shaming,” said one consultant who works closely with Democratic organizations. “Obama can’t do it. But

combined have spent at least \$13 million this year on data acquisition and related services. The parties have paid companies like Acxiom, Experian and Equifax, which are currently subjects of congressional scrutiny over privacy concerns.

Vendors affiliated with the presidential campaigns or the parties said in interviews that their businesses had bought data from Rapleaf or Intelius, companies that have been sued over alleged privacy or consumer protection violations.

Officials at both campaigns say the most insightful data remains the basics: a voter’s party affiliation, voting history, basic information like age and race, and preferences gleaned from one-on-one conversations with volunteers. But more subtle data mining has helped the Obama campaign learn that their supporters often eat at Red Lobster, shop at Burlington Coat Factory and listen to smooth jazz. Romney backers are more likely to drink